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Drum major Sophia Barnard directed traffic for the Henry Sibley High School marching band and color guard as they rehearsed for the July 4th parade in Washington, D.C.

Marching all the way to Washington Sibley to represent state in D.C. parade

BY MIMI GELLER

The Henry Sibley High School Marching Band will represent Minnesota in the Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C., on July 4. The band was nominated for the honor by Governor Mark Dayton and U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar. They will depart by bus for the nation's capital on June 30, and on July 4 will be among 50 student marching bands, military and speciality units, drill teams, drum corps and giant balloons taking

part in the parade down Constitution Avenue. "About 42 percent of the students in our school qualify for free or reduced-price lunches, so we have a lot of kids who live outside of privilege," said Amy Powers, Henry Sibley's director of bands. "The band boosters and I debated if we should accept the invitation, because we knew most of our kids couldn't afford anything like this. But after weighing the pros and cons, we decided to go for it. We

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Public Schools' may cut 107 jobs to fill \$17.2M budget gap

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

St. Paul School Board members listened soberly on June 12 as school district finance chief Marie Schrul presented her final report on the St. Paul Public Schools' proposed budget for 2018-19. About 107 school district employees could lose their jobs as the result of a projected \$17.2 million shortfall in the district's \$546.3 million general fund budget, she said.

The School Board also heard from district lobbyist Mary Daugherty Gilbert, who outlined why the district could not count on any additional money coming from the state this year. "Two days before the end of the session, Republicans handed Governor (Mark) Dayton a 1,000-page omnibus bill laying out spending for hundreds of state departments and programs, much of which the governor didn't like and which he had warned he would veto," Gilbert said.

Dayton had pushed this spring for \$138 million in emergency aid to shore up school district budgets across the state. Although there was additional state funding for the St. Paul Public Schools in the 1,000-page omnibus spending bill passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature, Dayton vetoed it because of "dozens of unrelated, controversial and destructive policy provisions," he said. He vowed not to call for a special session.

Speaker of the House Kurt Daudt (R-Crown) subsequently accused the governor of favoring "politics over people."

The Legislature allocated approximately \$500,000 in school safety grants to the St. Paul Public Schools in the omnibus bonding bill that Dayton signed, "but that's targeted money," Sch-

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Historic Fort Snelling revitalization proceeds

Historical Society makes do with \$15M of the \$30M it sought in state bonding

BY DAVE PAGE

Tom Pfannenstiel was sitting at his desk in the Fort Snelling Visitor Center two years ago when he heard shouting coming from the offices below. He rushed down to investigate and found a drain pipe had burst below the floor. "Water was gushing from under the floor like

a fire hydrant," said Pfannenstiel, who has been the site manager at Historic Fort Snelling for the past dozen years.

By the time the gushing stopped, two inches of water covered the basement of the Visitor Center. Contractors were called, but the drain pipe was too damaged to be repaired. The basement office has sat empty ever since. A sump pump keeps most of the seepage at bay.

Water damage is just one of several problems afflicting the almost 40-year-old Fort Snelling Visitor Center, which the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) would like to replace by repurposing an 1880s ordnance building and a 1904

cavalry barracks.

Over the past several years, the state Legislature has appropriated \$4.5 million in planning funds for the project. The MHS has also raised another \$12 million from private donors. Of the remaining \$30 million needed to complete the project, however, only half was included in the bonding bill approved last month by the Legislature and signed by the governor.

With just two-thirds of the necessary funds in hand, the MHS is hoping to have a revised timetable for the project ready by the end of the

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decided that the kids had earned it as a team, so we're going to send them as a team, which meant we were committed to paying for all of them to go."

Freshman flute player Emily Inserra recalled the team's excitement when Powers broke the news: "I was so excited and proud that we were chosen. Being chosen compared to every other marching band in the state reflects our work ethic and striving to succeed. It really feels good to know that our achievements and talent have been recognized beyond our community."

It is the community that has pushed the band to within striking distance of its goal of raising \$91,490 for the trip. Though school officials had thought most of the money for the band's trip would come from corporations, it was the outpouring of smaller donations that has made it possible.

"We've gotten about \$30,000 in corporate sponsorships, and the rest of it has come from donations within the community," Powers said. "It's the most humbling experience of my lifetime."

The trip has given the Henry Sibley musicians a welcome boost as they prepared for their spring and summer competitions. But then, the band has always practiced hard, according to Powers. "Nothing in the way we approach our season from a student or instructor standpoint has changed," she said. "We're having the same season we would have any other year. I think our process is what got us the invitation to begin with."

The Henry Sibley Marching Band's usual rehearsal time is three hours, but

in the weeks leading up to a competition, band members often rehearse six to 12 hours per day. Their success has shown that "size isn't the only thing that makes a superior band," said senior baritone Ronnie Wakeen. "It's the attitude and work ethic and the teamwork."

"The student leadership in the band pushes the excellence in the ensemble," Powers said. "The drive for excellence comes from within the students. Their work ethic is phenomenal."

Thirty-two Henry Sibley students participated in marching band when Powers began teaching there six years ago. The Warriors are still one of the smaller marching bands in state competition, yet membership has increased 70 percent over the past four years and now stands at 78 students.

In recent years, the band has distinguished itself in statewide competition. Henry Sibley placed third overall at the 2017 Vikingland Band Festival, which is considered the state tournament for Minnesota's high school marching bands. That was the highest finish in 25 years for the Henry Sibley Marching Band.

Junior tuba player Devin McIntyre attributed the band's accolades to the recent influx of eager band students. "I see so much success from all these up-and-coming kids who have discovered marching band," he said. "I think that it's because we're all driven to be the best players we can be."

As of last week, the Henry Sibley Marching Band had raised all but \$5,000 of the \$91,490 needed to pay for the trip to D.C. Donations are still being accepted online at henrysibley-band.org.



The Henry Sibley Marching Band and its color guard rehearsed last week for the Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C. Above, junior Makayla Delise led the way for fellow color guard members. At right, the woodwind section executed a turn.

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BRAD STAUFFER



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rul said. "It can't be used for anything else."

Schrul said that with no other additional state funds coming to the district, 67 staff would have to be laid off at district schools, including two assistant principals, 24 teachers, four educational assistants, 23 teaching assistants and 13 School and Community Service Professionals.

Various School Service Support Programs, including Multi-Language Learning and Counseling and Guidance, will lose 14 staffers. Districtwide Support Programs will lose 26 staffers, including four in Human Resources, four in Technology Services and three in the Finance Office. The end of a federal grant will force the layoffs of two in the American Indian Studies program.

Some of the positions will be eliminated through attrition and retirements, Schrul said.

The St. Paul Public Schools' proposed budget includes an \$11.7 million increase in Districtwide Support for Long-Term Facilities Maintenance. Other big factors in the budget

District may ask voters for excess tax levy

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

The St. Paul School Board appeared to be ready to ask St. Paul voters in November to approve an increase in the school district's excess levy after hearing the results of a survey of registered voters at its June 12 Committee of the Board meeting.

A majority of survey respondents said they would be agreeable to an increase in property taxes to alleviate the perennial school district budget deficits caused by falling enrollments and inflation. Sixty-seven percent of the 600 registered voters responding said they would be willing to pay an extra \$125 a year in property taxes

to shore up district finances.

The excess levy "may be for operating expenses rather than any specific programs," said School Board member John Schumacher. No amount was mentioned.

An excess levy of \$39 million a year was approved by a majority of voters in November 2012. That levy is set to expire in 2020.

A referendum on a new excess levy, along with more partnerships with private corporations and nonprofit organizations, were part of the district's contract negotiations with the St. Paul Federation of Teachers. The new contract includes an agreement by district administrators to work to find more revenue sources.

shortfall, according to Schrul, were inflationary increases, a 565-student drop in enrollment, new union contracts offering salary and health insurance premium increases for teachers and other staff, and a loss in govern-

ment aid with 624 fewer students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunches.

To help pay for the deficit, Schrul has recommended tapping \$4.4 million that had been set aside for inflation, eliminating a one-

time allocation of \$3.5 million in 2018 for the current strategic planning process, and saving \$6.8 million through targeted and 5 percent cuts in the budgetary categories of Schools, School Support Services staff, Districtwide Services and Administration.

Overall, Schrul's proposed general fund expenditures include \$247,054,701 for schools—a \$311,267 or 0.1 percent reduction from 2017-18. School Service Support programs would see a \$7.5 million or 4.2 percent increase to \$188,012,225. Districtwide Support Service programs would see a 6.7 percent increase to \$96,088,310. The district administration would see a \$42,505 or 1.2 percent increase in its budget for the coming year.

Board member John Brodrick expressed concern over the 0.1 percent cut for schools. "Ever since I've been on this board, since 2002, the mantra on budgets has always been, 'Keep cuts as far away from schools as possible.' But once again, schools are being hit."

The School Board is scheduled to vote on the district budget for 2018-19 at its regular meeting on June 19.

City begins test of pedestrian improvements on West Seventh

BY JANE MCCLURE

West Seventh Street will get temporary pedestrian improvements at three locations this week. The long-sought trial could turn into permanent solutions that residents and business owners have sought for years. The public will be able to weigh in on the changes later this summer.

The West Seventh/Fort Road Federation, which discussed the changes on June 11, has sought the improvements ever since several crosswalks were removed on the busy road.

One change involves placing a bumpout at the heavily used crosswalk on the south corner of Goodrich Avenue and West Seventh. It will be similar to the narrow bollards at West Seventh and Victoria Street.

A second change will add a center pedestrian island on the east side of the West Seventh intersection with Armstrong Avenue and Bay Street. The island will be created with paint and flexible bollards starting in front of Golden Chow Mein and West Seventh Pharmacy and extending into the intersection. It also will include a crosswalk.

The third change will be at West Seventh and Perlman streets, which is where pedestrians cross to reach Mississippi Market. It will have a center pedestrian refuge marked with bollards and a crosswalk on the west side of the intersection.

The St. Paul Department of Public Works will post an online survey in July and August on the temporary changes. The bollards will be taken down before winter. There is no

funding earmarked to make the changes permanent, but the tests and public feedback will help the city decide on its plans for the future.

Changes to the intersections have been on the drawing boards since 2016 and have been reviewed by the district council and the neighborhood business association. The three intersections were chosen because of their high visibility and pedestrian use.

Two years ago, a similar test of corner bumpouts began at West Seventh and Victoria streets. That crossing continues to generate public comments and concerns because it has been the site of numerous accidents. One problem there is that vehicles park too close to the bumpouts, which puts pedestrians and vehicles trying to cross or turn onto West Seventh at risk.

Federation members said on June 11 that they would like to see more monitoring of vehicle speeds on West Seventh and Victoria and would like to see more done to improve visibility.

West Seventh averages about 16,000 vehicles a day in the West End neighborhood. Because the street was originally built at an angle to get to Fort Snelling from downtown, the crossings can be challenging.

Two pedestrians were struck and killed in the past nine years on West Seventh. Kunlek Wangmo was killed in 2015 while crossing at St. Clair Avenue. Alex Mardell was killed near the Fort Road Federation offices in 2009.

A bicyclist also died after being struck by a vehicle last November on Grand Avenue and West Seventh.

Bonding bill jump-starts renovation of Fort Snelling's Upper Post

By Dave Page

In addition to providing \$15 million to help pay for the revitalization of Historic Fort Snelling, the bonding bill approved by the Minnesota Legislature and signed by Governor Mark Dayton obligated the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to use its bonding authority to transform 26 military buildings on Fort Snelling's Upper Post into 176 housing units.

The \$100 million price tag for the project has raised some eyebrows. Supporters argue that it will meet two obligations of state gov-

ernment: providing affordable housing and preserving history.

The new units will rent for about \$1,000 a month for a one-bedroom apartment, and preference will be given to veterans.

In 2006 the National Trust for Historic Preservation named the Upper Post one of the nation's 11 most endangered historic sites. Structures on the 141-acre parcel include barracks, barns, kitchens, a fire station, bakery, morgue, prison and officers' residences. After the decommissioning of Fort Snelling in 1946, many of these early 20th-century buildings fell into disrepair. One collapsed in 2009.

According to an article in the *Star Tribune*, the state Department of Natural Resources, which took over management of the site in 1971, spends over \$200,000 annually to maintain and patrol the area.

In 2013, St. Paul-based CommonBond Communities created 58 units of affordable housing in five historic buildings on the Upper Post as part of a U.S. Veterans Administration Building Utilization Review and Repurposing initiative.

Two years later, the DNR chose Plymouth-based Dominion to renovate the remaining buildings on the Upper Post. Dominion was

able to gain enough support in the Legislature to secure tax-exempt bonds to finance the redevelopment of the Upper Post as part of a public-private partnership.

According to Dominion vice president Owen Metz, the passage of the 2018 bonding bill was a "big step" toward completing the transformation of the Upper Post.

He predicts it will take from 12 to 18 months of negotiations with public and private organizations before the renovation project is ready to begin.

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summer. What is certain now is that repairing the current Visitor Center is not an option.

"To begin with, the current building was not designed for the kind of programming we have in mind," Pfannenstiel said. Most of the space in the Visitor Center was created for staff offices, archaeology labs, and what Pfannenstiel calls "the Raiders of the Lost Ark storage room." Moving those functions to the Minnesota History Center has already begun.

"In addition, parts for several of the Visitor Center's HVAC and other systems are no longer available. We've had to find them on eBay," Pfannenstiel said. The Visitor Center does not meet current standards for fire and security, he added. And then there is the water. "Not only does it still come up from the floor," Pfannenstiel said, "it also drips from some of the ceilings."

According to Pfannenstiel, Historic Fort Snelling's most pressing need is for rooms that can serve several functions. Plans for the new Welcome Center inside the ordnance building include a multi-purpose learning lab and a space for school groups. "Now if it rains we have to cram students into the hallway for them to eat their lunches," Pfannenstiel said.

Besides a lobby, ticket counter, gift shop and restrooms, a new Visitor Center inside the cavalry barracks would include several flex galleries, event space and meeting

rooms. None of the rooms under consideration, however, will hold as many visitors as the current 300-seat auditorium. That means some groups that currently sponsor events at the Visitor Center will be seeking alternatives.

Stephen Osman, former Fort Snelling site manager and leader of the Civil War Symposium planning team, is sorting through other possible venues to hold the annual symposium. The World War II History Roundtable, which frequently fills the Visitor Center auditorium to overflowing, is making plans to meet at St. Thomas Academy.

Pfannenstiel understands that these and other organizations may no longer be able to meet at Fort Snelling. However, he contends that the flexibility of the new spaces will make them much more desirable for the general public. "We will be able to put in chairs and seat about 200 in the largest of the rooms," he said. "Or we can put in tables and chairs for people who want to serve food—maybe even weddings."

The goal is to bring the number of visitors back to where it stood when the Visitor Center first opened in the late 1970s. At that time, around 130,000 people visited per year. Just over 76,000 now visit Minnesota's first National Historic Landmark annually.

In partnership with the Dakota Community Council and other state and national groups, the MHS is working to develop daily and seasonal programs that more fully tell the stories of not only the 1820s



An artist's rendering of what a revitalized Historic Fort Snelling might look like with a new Welcome Center inside the old ordnance building (center foreground) and a two-level Visitor Center inside the old cavalry barracks (center background).

military fort, but the Ojibwe and Dakota Indians who lived in the area as well as the veterans and their families who lived at the fort during the Civil War, World Wars I and II, Vietnam and Gulf War.

Exhibitions in the revitalized fort would feature the history of free and enslaved African Americans who stayed at the fort, the Buffalo Soldiers who were there and the Japanese Americans who served in U.S. military intelligence during World War II. And the demolition of the current Visitor Center will provide better sight lines to the dramatic vistas of the Mississippi River Valley.

The 22-acre parcel that includes

the Visitor Center lies within the Fort Snelling National Register Historic District and the Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark. Any changes to the site require the approval of the National Park Service as called for by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Although the state of Minnesota has owned the property—usually referred to as the Lower Post—since the 1960s, the MHS manages the site and is responsible for requesting an amendment to the covenant that guides how the land and buildings are used and preserved.

According to the National Park Service's Jonathan Moore, the most

significant change to that covenant involves the two cavalry barracks, one of which will house the new Visitor Center. Under the original plan, they were slated for demolition.

Pfannenstiel has indicated that the MHS will come back to the Legislature in two years for the remaining \$15 million needed for the project. Until then, the MHS plans to move the project forward as expeditiously as possible. "Right now Fort Snelling is being utilized for the most part only during the summer," he said. "Revitalization will turn the site into a year-round attraction."

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Candidates file for local, state and federal offices

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

Candidate filing for the August 14 primary and special election and the November 6 general election closed on June 5, and with two U.S. Senate seats, a U.S. House seat, state House seats, and the governor's, state constitutional officers', and several county administrative and judicial offices on the ballot, local voters have their work cut out for them.

Ballots in precincts within the *Villager's* coverage area will feature the following races:

U.S. SENATE (six-year term)

Eleven candidates should make for a lively campaign for the seat now held by Amy Klobuchar. Running against the DFL-endorsed Klobuchar are fellow DFLers Leonard J. Richards, Steve Carlson, Stephen A. Emery and David Robert Groves.

Republican-endorsed Jim Newberger, a state representative from Becker, will face Merrill Anderson, Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente and Rae Hart Anderson in the GOP primary.

Advancing to the general election are Green Party-endorsee Paula Overby and Dennis Schuller of the Legal Marijuana Now Party.

U.S. SENATE (two-year term)

The seat vacated by Al Franken has been occupied since last winter by former Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith, who is the DFL-endorsee in this special election to serve the remaining two years in Franken's term. Smith will face Ali Chehem Ali, Nick Leonard, Richard Painter, Gregg A. Iverson and Christopher Lovell Seymore Sr. in the DFL primary.

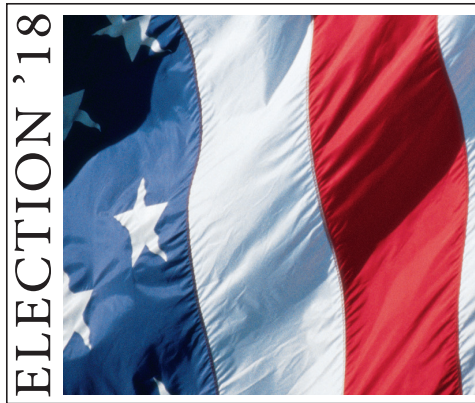
Running in the Republican primary are GOP-endorsee and state Senator Karen Housley, Bob Anderson and Nikolay Bey.

Advancing to the general election are independent candidate Jerry Trooien and Sarah Wellington of the Legal Marijuana Now Party.

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR

Ten candidates and their running mates are in the race for governor and lieutenant governor.

The DFL primary will feature party endorsee and state Representative Erin Murphy (and running mate and state Representative Erin Maye Quade), U.S. Representative Tim



Walz (state Representative Peggy Flanagan), current state Attorney General Lori Swanson (U.S. Representative Rick Nolan), Tim Holden (James P. Mellon II) and Ole Savior (Chris Edmond).

Republican-endorsee and Hennepin County Commissioner Jeff Johnson (Donna Bergstrom) will face former Governor Tim Pawlenty (state Senator Michelle Fischbach) and Mathew Kruse (Terri Loeffler) in the GOP primary.

Josh Welter (Mary O'Connor) of the Libertarian Party and Chris Wright (Judith Schwartzbacker) of the Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party will advance to the general election.

SECRETARY OF STATE

DFL incumbent Steve Simon is being challenged by Republican and former Red Wing mayor John Howe and Independence Party-endorsee William Denney.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

With incumbent Lori Swanson stepping down to run for governor, nine candidates have filed to succeed her. Facing off in the DFL primary will be party endorsee Matt Pelikan, Debra Hilstrom, Keith Ellison, Tom Foley and Mike Rothman.

Republican-endorsee Doug Wardlow will be facing Robert Lessard and Sharon Anderson in the primary.

Advancing to the general election will be Noah M. Johnson of the Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party.

STATE AUDITOR

Party-endorsee Julie Blaha will be facing Jon Tollefson in the DFL primary. The winner

will face Republican-endorsee Pam Myhra, Michael Ford of the Legal Marijuana Now Party and Chris Dock of the Libertarian Party in the general election.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE-4TH DISTRICT

Incumbent Betty McCollum is being challenged by Reid Rossell and Muad Hassan in the DFL primary. Advancing to the general election are Republican-endorsee Greg Ryan and Susan Pendergast Sindt of the Legal Marijuana Now Party.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE-5TH DISTRICT

Nine candidates have filed for the seat being vacated by state Attorney General candidate Keith Ellison. Six are on the DFL primary ballot, including Jamal Abdi Abdulahi, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, state Senator Bobby Joe Champion, state Representative Ilhan Omar, state Senator Patricia Torres Ray and Frank Nelson Drake.

Republican-endorsee Jennifer Zielinski will face Christopher W. Chamberlin and Bob "Again" Carney in the GOP primary.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE-2ND DISTRICT

Republican incumbent Representative Jason Lewis will face DFLer Angie Craig in the general election.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

DISTRICT 52A—Six-term DFL incumbent Representative Rick Hansen is being challenged by Republican Beth L. Arntson.

DISTRICT 52B—One-term Republican incumbent Representative Regina Barr is being challenged by DFLer Ruth Richardson.

DISTRICT 63A—Nine-term DFL incumbent Representative Jim Davnie will be facing Republican challenger Kyle Bragg.

DISTRICT 63B—Fifteen-term DFL incumbent Representative Jean Wagenius is being challenged by Republican Frank Pafko.

DISTRICT 64A—DFLer Kaohly Her and Republican Patrick J.D. Griffin are running for the seat being vacated by DFL gubernatorial candidate Erin Murphy.

DISTRICT 64B—DFL incumbent Representative Dave Pinto is being challenged by Republican Alex Poulliot.

DISTRICT 65A—Republican Monique Giordana is challenging DFL incumbent Representative Rena Moran.

DISTRICT 65B—Fifteen-term DFL in-

cumbent Representative Carlos Mariani is being challenged by Republican Margaret Mary Stokely.

ST. PAUL CITY COUNCIL-WARD 4

Running in the August 14 special election to fill the remaining 16 months in Russ Stark's term are Shirley Erstad, DFL-endorsee Mitra Jalali Nelson and David Martinez.

RAMSEY COUNTY BOARD

DISTRICT 4—Incumbent Commissioner Toni Carter is running unopposed.

DISTRICT 5—Incumbent Commissioner Rafael Ortega is being challenged by Charles S. Barklind and James Jaeger.

RAMSEY COUNTY ATTORNEY

Incumbent John Choi is being challenged by attorney Luke Kyper Bellville.

RAMSEY COUNTY SHERIFF

Incumbent Sheriff Jack Serier is being challenged by former Sheriff Bob Fletcher.

HENNEPIN COUNTY BOARD

DISTRICT 4—Six-term incumbent Commissioner Peter McLaughlin is being challenged by fellow DFLer Angela Conley. The winner of the DFL primary will face Green Party-endorsee Megan Kuhl-Stennes in the general election.

SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Incumbent Justice Margaret Chutich is being challenged by Michelle MacDonald.

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

Incumbent Lucinda Ellen Jesson is being challenged by Anthony L. Brown.

RAMSEY COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

JUDGE 2—Incumbent DeAnne Hilgers is being challenged by Thomas Andrew Handley Jr.

JUDGE 14—Incumbent Robyn Ann Millenacker is being challenged by Marcus L. Almon.

JUDGE 11—Gregory J. Egan IV, Scott Michael Flaherty, Jeffry Martin and Adam Yang are seeking this open seat.

JUDGE 20—Incumbent Gurdip Atwal is being challenged by Elliott Nickell and P. Paul Yang.

JUDGE 28—Incumbent Elena L. Ostby is being challenged by Seamus R. Mahoney and Calandra Revering.

Bicyclists push for safety improvements on Summit Ave.

Among suggestions are protected bike lanes on curb side of parking lane

BY JANE MCCLURE

St. Paul bicyclists are calling for new protected bike lanes along the 4.5 miles of Summit Avenue and safety improvements at Summit intersections following the May 9 death of bicyclist Alan Grahn in a collision with a school bus at Summit and Snelling avenues.

More than 80 people attended a "Safety on Summit" meeting on June 11 at Macalester College. The meeting, organized by the advocacy group Sustain Ward 3, brought out many ideas for short- and long-term changes. The group has also started an online petition at sustainward3.com.

According to city staff, Summit is the most heavily used bike route in St. Paul, and it has the highest number of bike accidents. Since 2016, 19 of the approximately 700 accidents citywide between bikes and motor vehicles occurred on Summit. Fourteen bicyclists were injured in the Summit accidents, and 10 required hospitalization.

Sustain Ward 3's proposal calls for placing new and wider bike lanes on Summit along

the curbs, moving the parking lane between the bike and traffic lanes, and narrowing the traffic lane. A curb or other barrier would be placed between the bike and parking lanes.

Ideas for safety improvements at intersections include bike-specific traffic signals, painted bike crossing lanes and "lead pedestrian indicators," which turn on the "walk" sign for pedestrians several seconds before the light turns green for motor vehicles.

Summit Avenue's painted bike lanes were striped in 1992, according to Tom Basgen of Sustain Ward 3, "and that design is showing its age," he said.

Other suggestions for improving bike and pedestrian safety along Summit included raised crosswalks and moving the bike lane next to the center medians or on the medians themselves. Some speakers said plastic bollards or delineators beside a bike lane are too easily damaged. They would rather see a concrete curb as a protective barrier or a green-painted bike lane. Several people said more education is needed for motorists and bicyclists alike.

Summit varies in width from end to end. For much of its length, it has two nine-foot parking lanes, two five-foot bike lanes and two 16-foot traffic lanes. The bike lane's placement to the left of the parking lane puts bicyclists at risk or getting "doored," Basgen said, or getting hit by a car door that is suddenly

opened by a driver.

St. Paul currently has two protected bike lanes with plastic delineators or bollards that separate the bike lane from the adjacent traffic lane—along Pelham Boulevard and St. Anthony Avenue. The St. Paul Bicycle Plan, approved by the City Council in 2015, does not provide a lot of guidance on protected bike lanes, according to Reuben Collins, a city transportation planner.

The plastic delineators cost about \$100 apiece to install, Collins said. The total cost of each of the protected bike lanes on Pelham and St. Anthony was about \$155,000, he said. Collins estimated that installing delineators on just half of Summit Avenue would cost about \$176,000.

Summit between Lexington Parkway and Victoria Street is slated for reconstruction in 2021 at an estimated cost of \$4.5 million. It has not been determined when the rest of the street will be rebuilt.

Yet another challenge is Summit's status as the longest boulevard of preserved Victorian housing in the United States. The avenue traverses two historic preservation districts, Historic Hill and Summit Avenue West. Any street changes would have to be reviewed and approved by St. Paul's Heritage Preservation Commission.

Bicyclists, pedestrians and Summit Avenue residents at the June 11 meeting said

that something needs to be done to improve public safety on Summit. Not only are the bike lanes narrow by today's standards, bicyclists said, they are often littered with debris and in the winter covered with snow. Snow can also accumulate at the curb, forcing motorists to park their cars part way into the bike lane and forcing bicyclists into the traffic lane.

"Biking down Summit in the winter? It's a contact sport," said Dan Marshall, who commutes by bike from his Hamline-Midway home to his business on Grand Avenue.

Lori Klongtruatroke said her family insisted she put a camera on her bike helmet so they would know who hit her in the event of an accident. According to her, more protection is needed for bicyclists along Summit, and "bollards are not going to cut it."

"Summit is a great east-west bike route," said Brian Martinson of Macalester-Groveland. "I use it as much as I can." However, he added, he rides on the part of the bike lane closest to the traffic lane, risking the ire of passing motorists to avoid being hit by car doors.

Mayor Melvin Carter and members of the City Council are interested in safety improvements to the Snelling-Summit intersection, though it is not clear what the improvements would be or how the city would pay for them. Because Snelling Avenue is a state highway, the Minnesota Department of Transportation may be asked to share in the costs.



An artist's rendering of the south side of a 73-unit apartment building planned for the northeast corner of Snelling and Carroll avenues.

City grants two variances for 73-unit apartment building

Five-story structure may be the first high-density project to break ground since Snelling's rezoning

By JANE MCCLURE

Plans for a five-story, 73-unit apartment building on the northeast corner of Snelling and Carroll avenues moving forward with the unanimous approval of two variances by the St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) on June 3.

Forest Lake-based developer Gaughan Companies has been discussing its proposed building at 304-308 N. Snelling Ave. with the Union Park District Council (UPDC) for the past year.

Though Gaughan's request for traffic changes on that block of Carroll Avenue are pending, its apartment building may be the first high-density housing project to make it through the city review and approval process since the City Council adopted the South Snelling Zoning Study in 2017. That study placed dozens of properties along Snelling south of I-94 into the higher-density, mixed-use traditional neighborhoods zone.

Gaughan's site is zoned for Traditional Neighborhoods 3, which requires a minimum frontyard setback of 10 feet. The building's upper-floor balconies would project only five feet from the Snelling right-of-way, so a five-foot variance was needed.

The second variance addresses the building's height in relation to adjacent smaller residential properties on Carroll. The zoning code requires that structures be no more than 25 feet high along the side and rear property lines adjacent to any single-family homes or townhouses. The proposed building and stair tower would be 45 feet high on the east side, needing a variance of 20 feet.

Two buildings were torn down to make way for Gaughan's project on a lot measuring 122 by 186 feet. The new building would have about 88,000 square feet of floor space. The exterior would be sided with brick, metal and fiber board in colors of dark brown, buff and gray.

The building has been designed with step-backs from the property lines to minimize the appearance of its mass and height. It will

be U-shaped, with the taller portions on the north, east and west sides of the property. The building would be about 66 feet high at its tallest, though most of it would have a height of 56 feet.

Residents of the adjacent Snelling Park neighborhood have raised concerns about spillover parking and the potential for increased traffic. However, Jerome Benner of the BZA staff said those issues were not germane to the zoning variances.

Plans for the market-rate apartment building include 30 micro, three studio, eight alcove, 16 one-bedroom and 16 two-bedroom apartments along with 45 below-grade parking spaces and 26 first-floor parking spaces. Such tenant amenities as a library and fitness center would also be on the first floor.

Benner recommended approval of the two variances. According to him, the upper-floor balconies and the 45-foot height on the east side of the building would not have an adverse effect on neighboring properties. The UPDC also recommended approval of the variances.

According to building architect John Harris, the height variance was not needed when the plans included a small parking lot on the east side of the building. The decision to enclose that parking forced the need for the height variance, he said, but it also made the project better.

Carroll between Snelling and Pascal Street is a one-way street going west, a change made years ago to prevent cars on Snelling from cutting through the neighborhood to avoid traffic congestion. Gaughan is asking that two-way traffic be restored on Carroll between Snelling and the entrance to the building's parking ramp so that tenants can access the ramp from Snelling. That proposal will be reviewed by the UPDC's Transportation Committee in July.

Correction

In a story on the closing of the RiverCentre parking ramp in the June 6 issue of the *Villager*, a quotation was incorrectly attributed to Laurie Brickley, the manager of marketing and public relations in the St. Paul Department of Safety and Inspections. Ms. Brickley did not say, "It is just as well (motorists) get used to (alternative parking ramps) because the RiverCentre ramp is expected to take up to two years to replace."

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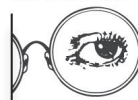


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News Briefs

Wellington plans five-story building near soccer stadium

The latest development near the Allianz Field soccer stadium now under construction on Snelling and St. Anthony avenues is undergoing a public review process. St. Paul-based Wellington Management's plans for a five-story, 175-unit apartment building over about 18,000 square feet of retail space were to be reviewed by the Union Park District Council (UPDC) Land Use Committee on June 18 as this issue of the *Villager* went to press.

The development would occupy the land where the current Bremer Bank building sits at 427 N. Snelling Ave. The bank is expected to become one of the tenants in the new building. Several years ago, the property was zoned for Traditional Neighborhoods 3 as part of a larger rezoning around the Snelling Avenue light-rail station.

It is unknown if the project will need any variances or a conditional use permit. No requests had been filed with the city as of this issue's deadline. Preliminary details indicate the project would cost about \$35 million and have underground parking. The developer hopes to break ground in 2019.

David Wellington, director of acquisitions and management for Wellington Management, said the company is in talks with adjacent Central Baptist Church, the UPDC and neighbors to discuss the building's design before any final decisions are made. The church hosted a meeting on the project on June 18.

Wellington Management was established in 1984 and is family-owned. It has a \$400 million portfolio of owning and managing more than 100 properties in the metro area totaling more than 4 million square feet.



Taking a brat break

Father and daughter Glenn and Sarah Anderson of the Bavarian Musikmeisters cool their heels and re-fuel during Deutsche Tage on June 9 at the Germanic American Institute on Summit Avenue.

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BRAD STAUFFER

Moeller Jeweler buys its long-time home at Ford & Cleveland

R.F. Moeller Jeweler has purchased its building at the northwest corner of Ford Parkway and Cleveland Avenue for \$4.5 million from Bernice LLC, which is part of Bloomington-

based Lunieski and Associates. The purchase took place in late May and is one of two recent real estate transactions on the block. The other involves the Walgreens store.

The one-story building purchased by R.F. Moeller also houses the Highland Grill, Quixotic Coffee, Block Advisors, Cleveland

Wok and Charles & Violet Photography. The building was constructed in 1949 and has one vacancy at this time.

R.F. Moeller Jeweler opened in 1951 at the southwest corner of Ford and Cleveland. Founder Robert Moeller then leased space in the former Powers Department Store for a decade before moving into a small space on the north side of Ford. The business continued to grow until it took over the entire northwest corner of Ford and Cleveland in 2001. Moeller also has stores in Minneapolis and Edina.

The purchase allows the Moeller family to control its own destiny. Chief executive officer Mark Moeller said a developer was interested in the property, so it made sense for the family to buy it. No changes are planned for the approximately 15,000-square-foot building.

The adjacent Walgreens building at 2099 Ford Pkwy. sold in late May. Investor Darrick Walker from Wyoming, Minnesota, bought the property from Texas-based Rida Development Corporation. In media interviews, Walker said no changes are planned for that building either as Walgreens has an 18-year lease. The building was constructed in 2011.

Midway Pro Bowl owners seek relocation expenses from city

The owners of the longtime Midway Pro Bowl, which closed last year to make way for the construction of the Allianz Field soccer stadium, is asking the city of St. Paul for relocation expenses. The request was made in early June to the state's Office of Administrative Hearings. No hearing date has been set.

A hearing officer will have to decide whether

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er the city is required to compensate Midway Pro Bowl or if the relocation was a private matter between the tenant and landlord. The wrinkle is that the \$250 million stadium, which is being built by a private partnership, will eventually be conveyed to the city.

Midway Pro Bowl operated at Midway Center for more than 50 years. The building it occupied with several other businesses was demolished. City officials contend the relocation expenses are a private matter between the business and its landlord, RK Midway, and that the landlord exercised a lease buyout clause.

Bowling center owners Alan Loth and Scott Koecheler had owned the business for 34 years. While they had hoped to relocate within a new development at Midway Center, they were instead issued an order to vacate the property. They now run an Apple Valley entertainment center called Bogart's.

Loth and Koecheler are seeking compensation including relocation benefits under the state's Uniform Relocation Act. No specific amount is stated.

Commissions favor historic designation for former Fire Station 10 on Randolph

The St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission on June 14 recommended approval of a request to designate the city's decommissioned Fire Station 10 at 754 Randolph Ave. as a historic preservation site. The city's Planning Commission recommended approval of the same request the following day.

The designation is another step in redeveloping the more than 130-year-old old fire station, which ceased operations in 2010 and was put up for sale last year by the city. Developer Travis Temke wants to convert the building into a restaurant, coffee house and banquet facility.

The fire station was built in 1885 and was expanded in 1911. It was the oldest active fire station in the state until eight years ago when its fire company moved to the new Fire Station 1 at Randolph Avenue and West Seventh Street. Afterward, it was used for fire equipment storage and classrooms.

The two-story brick building was home to several fire companies over the years, and at one time served as the hospital for ill and injured horses that pulled fire equipment.

Station 10 is considered historically significant in part because it was one of the early city fire stations that was racially integrated. St. Paul disbanded its African-American fire companies in 1942, and those firemen were integrated into other companies.

St. Paul suspends its effort to revise parts of city's historic preservation regulations

Plans to revamp some of St. Paul's historic preservation regulations have been put on hold. Bruce Corrie, director of the city's Department of Planning and Economic Development (PED), announced on June 14 that efforts to rework part of the city code that deals with historic preservation is being suspended. Instead, the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) will focus on clarifying and expediting the review process for property owners seeking building permits. The HPC will also take another look at the regulations that govern the renovation of properties. Although these were not part of the original review, some of the owners of historic homes found these regulations onerous.

Another controversial issue is that of the proposed fees for permit reviews of historic buildings. Many people objected to the fees, saying they already pay high property taxes and do not want to pay more for reviews. The fees were intended to cover city costs and staff time.

Work will continue on changes intended to streamline and simplify the process for environmental assessment worksheets, which are required for any demolition work on about 1,800 historic properties in St. Paul. That process affects many properties in the Historic Hill District and can add several weeks to the approval of a permit.

Fundraiser on tap to save Goodrich home

Historic St. Paul and the Little Bohemia Neighborhood Association are continuing to rally the public in an attempt to save the vacant John Lewis House, 412 Goodrich Ave., which was built circa 1856 and is believed to be one of the oldest residences remaining in the city. A fundraiser in support of the house's preservation effort will be held from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at nearby Bad Weather Brewing, 414 W. Seventh St. A \$10 minimum donation is being asked.

The fundraiser will feature a live auction, beer specials and raffles. There will also be an update on the project including a display of architectural materials that will be used in renovating the building and information on an upcoming archaeological dig at the site. Visit tinyurl.com/y8uk9gp7.

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Viewpoint

Beware of false profits of the minimum wage

By Ed Christie

Having been away from Forepaugh's restaurant for several years now, I thought I'd share some of my thoughts on the unintended but likely consequences of St. Paul's proposed increase in the minimum wage.

The primary reason that I departed active operation of the Irvine Park area restaurant was the financial pressure stemming from the continual increase in the minimum wage, especially for tipped employees. As far back as when the minimum wage was \$4.25 an hour, until the present when the minimum wage stands at \$9.65 an hour, tipped employees have always been the highest paid per hour (tips included) in the restaurant business. Now there is an effort to raise the minimum wage in St. Paul to \$15.00 an hour.

In my opinion, this is a seriously flawed approach to reducing wage inequities in the hospitality industry. First and foremost, the hospitality industry will respond by eliminating jobs.

The hospitality industry is quite elastic when costs increase. In fact, there is perhaps no other industry that is quite as responsive to cost increases. So to moderate the costs associated with a minimum wage increase, most restaurants will choose to eliminate jobs, reduce shifts, revert to different sources for the products they serve, and farm out other functions that are normally handled internally. The result will be a reduction in payroll expenses.

Second, the restaurant industry has historically been quite supportive of mentally and physically challenged employees. I personally have witnessed wonderful progress made by these individuals when they have been given the opportunity and responsibility to perform certain jobs. But given the push for a \$15 an hour minimum wage, I question whether restaurant management will continue to work with these individuals and help them succeed in their careers and engage more fully in their communities. More likely, management will eliminate those positions and search for other solutions. It would truly be a shame if these individuals were to be priced out of the employment ranks.

Third, training jobs in the restaurant industry will dry up. I'm sure that many readers of this newspaper got their first jobs in the hospitality industry. It's one industry where those who fill entry-level positions develop a work ethic at an early age. And many of those young workers go on to become restaurant managers, chefs or even owners later in their careers. Those young workers learn to perform many tasks that they don't necessarily like, and they learn to perform them well and on time. These positions will mostly be eliminated by a \$15 an hour minimum wage. Instead, restaurants will primarily hire employees who are already trained and are able to perform these tasks immediately.

Beyond all this, there are basic business concerns to consider. With the ever-rising minimum wage paid to tipped wait staff over the years, it became impossible to provide kitchen and management staff with the pay increases they so richly deserved. That's not to denigrate the performance of the wait staff, but their performance is best evaluated by the proprietor, not the government.

Our food-to-beverage sales ratio at Forepaugh's averaged 76/24 percent. It takes all three components of restaurant labor (i.e., management, kitchen and servers) to successfully operate a dining establishment. With 76 percent of the sales volume initiated by the kitchen, personnel stability and greater wage parity in that area was of utmost importance.

It's with these thoughts that I suggest Mayor Melvin Carter and the City Council reconsider their push to raise the minimum wage so drastically, especially as it relates to tipped employees.

I miss the restaurant business, which was unlike any other business which I've had the pleasure of being associated with. And I hope the difficult choice I had to make several years ago to leave the business doesn't befall other currently successful restaurateurs in St. Paul.

Ed Christie, a resident of St. Paul's West End neighborhood, was the owner and operator of Forepaugh's for 25 years.



Inbox

The upside of organized trash

In response to the article, "Lawsuit targets organized trash" (*Villager*, June 6), I want to speak out in support of the organized trash collection program being introduced by the city of St. Paul.

As a neighborhood activist, I have spoken with dozens of St. Paulites who hate the congestion, noise and air pollution that comes from trash trucks on the streets every day in every neighborhood under our current system. I have worked with new residents who have relocated to St. Paul from other cities with municipal trash services as they struggle to navigate our privatized trash collection system. I have watched in frustration as trash collects outside poorly managed rental properties where the lack of an organized system allows landlords and renters to get away with little or no trash collection services until the neighbors complain.

The new organized trash collection program will address all of these issues and more, including promoting greater efficiency for the trash haulers, which lets them use their resources in other places. Those involved with the zero-waste movement will have their day in court, which is their right. For the majority of St. Paul residents, this change to an organized trash collection system will be an improvement.

Marit Brock
West End

An ill-conceived plan for trash

About 11 years ago I spent a few hours investigating whom the neighbors on my block were using to haul their trash, the costs they were charged for the various types of services and what type of discounts would be available if our block largely committed to one hauler.

I was surprised at the range of prices that had been charged for the same service. My next door neighbor was paying her garbage hauler double the rate that I had been paying for comparable service. I also found out that there were a number of single-person households that shared a trash collection service, thereby enabling each person to reduce the cost by half. The savings meant a lot to people who were retired or living on fixed incomes. But in the end our block was able to negotiate a very good rate that lowered the cost of this service to something I had not seen for several years.

The process of connecting with my neighbors was rewarding on many levels. We forged bonds that helped to increase our sense of community. I also discovered that

some people felt strongly committed to using a particular hauler because they had a personal connection to the business owner and wanted to continue to patronize that business even if the rates were slightly higher than our block rate. It was another form of individual empowerment that strengthened local small businesses, rewarding them for their particular brand and attention to service.

When I got the postcard in mid-May telling me that the city had decided to take over the task of garbage collection, I was very disappointed. I share the widespread sentiment that nothing needed to be "fixed" with our current system of garbage hauling.

The inflexible rules which prohibit neighbors from sharing a service or opting out altogether are deeply disturbing features of this ill-conceived plan. The huge increase in rates, including another property tax to fund the "cost of administering this service" is outrageous. At the very least, there should be economies that would result from this maneuver. Instead, my rates will be increasing by about 33 percent for the same service I currently have.

I agree with Henry David Thoreau "that government is best which governs least." As a consequence, I cannot support the City Council's misguided decision to take over the task of garbage collection.

Patricia Hartmann
Macalester-Groveland

The way of all trash

For months now, the newspapers have carried letters to the editor from regular citizens pointing out that having city bureaucrats manage or direct garbage collection throughout the city is a bad idea. What chutzpah: The city honestly believes it can run this function intelligently, efficiently and effectively. The people of St. Paul—those citizens who don't make a living on the back of the taxpayer—may not understand government in depth, but they have Ph.D.s when it comes to experience with government services.

In the past, people have figured out how to hire a firm to pick up their trash. I wonder if, when the city kicks its trash hauling bureaucracy into high gear, there will be a collective sigh throughout St. Paul: "My God, finally I am out from under the burden of arranging for my trash collection."

Ultimately, the people will calm down and go along and get along, the city will hire a bunch of fairly expensive people to run the program, most of the trash will in fact get hauled away, folks will adjust to less leftover money because their

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trash will cost them more to get hauled, and remarkably, in droves the citizens will continue to go to the polls and pull the DFL levers and put even more folks into government like those who dreamed up the city takeover of trash.

Thomas Sexton
Macalester-Groveland

Appalled by the cost of trash service

I agree with writer Kathleen Deming regarding St. Paul's organized trash collection scheme (*Villager Viewpoint*, May 23). At first I supported the idea. However, since the details of the plan were unveiled, I have come to oppose it. Instead of a public not-for-profit system, it appears we have a corporate for-profit system. Like Deming, I am appalled by the minimum yearly cost for an individual household of almost \$268.

About every three weeks, I produce a tiny bag of trash and easily share trash collection with a neighbor. Why is sharing not allowed under the new system? I realize the haulers need to cover their costs and earn a reasonable income. However, little to no consideration has been given to low-income people. The charge for every-other-week collection of a small cart should be half of the charge for weekly collection of a small cart.

Liza Burr
Macalester-Groveland

A safe change for Cretin Avenue

Thank you, St. Paul City Council members Samantha Henningson and Rebecca Noecker, for sponsoring and all City Council members for supporting a reduction in the posted speed limit from 35 to 30 mph on Cretin Avenue between I-94 and Marshall Avenue.

The Union Park District Council has long advocated for strategies, including reducing the speed limit, to improve safety for all users of Cretin and other roads in our neighborhood. Just last year, a 14-year-old got off a southbound Metro Transit bus at Carroll Avenue and was hit and seriously injured when he attempted to cross Cretin.

Reducing the posted speed limit is one step toward making this busy road safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. Studies show that accidents involving pedestrians or bicyclists and vehicles traveling faster than 30 mph are significantly more likely to result in death or serious injury. The decrease to 30 mph will give drivers more time to react to avoid accidents and make the speed limit consistent with other city streets in the area.

I am part of a new working group of residents and business owners in Union Park who will be gathering community input about improving Cretin.

Brennan Furness
Merriam Park

Just fix the streets

In a never-ending way to waste taxpayer money, the Highland District Council decided to tear up perfectly good blacktop on Snelling Avenue and replace it with so-called pedestrian-friendly medians. As a regular pedestrian, cyclist and motorist, I often wonder if the people who voted for this actually get out and take a good look at the conditions of our streets. Highland Parkway east of Snelling finally got replaced last year after years and years of neglect. We continue to patch our streets to last just one more year, knowing full

well it's only going to get worse next spring. We have so many streets that need total resurfacing.

We hear politicians talking about fixing our infrastructure, but many times that money gets diverted to some other shiny new project, like this pedestrian median. Heck, if the district council really cared about pedestrians, why not put in a sidewalk around the Highland golf courses or in front of the houses on Edgumbe Road so that runners and walkers don't have to use the street, especially in the winter?

Taking care of the streets we already have does more to make this city "livable" than a bunch of concrete in the middle of a busy avenue. It reminds me of the irresponsible homeowner who spends money putting in a swimming pool before fixing the leaky roof.

Walter J. Huemmer
Highland Park

Stopping to say thanks

On behalf of the residents living near the pedestrian crossing on Fairview and Bohland avenues, I want to thank the St. Paul Police Department for conducting one of its "Stop for Me" campaigns at the intersection. In spite of the large crowd of neighbors who gathered to assist and watch, and the presence of signage and the police, several drivers passed through the intersection while pedestrians were crossing. These drivers were given educational warnings.

The police officers were professional, very helpful and great with the neighborhood kids in attendance who often have to cross this very dangerous intersection. This is an important campaign designed to help make drivers more aware of the need to stop so pedestrians can safely cross the street.

Again, thank you to the Police Department and its highly professional traffic officers, and thanks to the Highland District Council representatives who attended the demonstration.

Steve Kinsella
Highland Park

We're losing our democracy

We're losing our democracy, and I'm not referring to the antics of the Trump administration. It's happening right here in our own backyard in St. Paul.

Not 24 hours after state Representative Erin Murphy earned the DFL endorsement for governor, the Democratic machine in St. Paul engineered the endorsement of one of three recently declared candidates to succeed her. A mere 122 delegates, less than one-quarter of the total, selected our next District 64A representative, who will serve as long as she wishes, due to the backing of the DFL Party.

I was one of those 122 delegates, and in discussions with many others learned that most knew little about the three women offering to serve. The only public forum where all three candidates answered questions was in the closed confines of the endorsing convention. Twelve years ago, when the District 64A seat was last vacant, there were numerous public debates and forums involving six candidates over many months, allowing all of the residents of 64A a chance to hear from them and to express their preference to their neighborhood delegates.

What was the rush for the DFL to select among three fine candidates? What about the possibility that more candidates might

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declare before the filing deadline two days later? At the convention on June 3, it was simply a matter of who had enough friends in high places to make some phone calls and get a few dozen supporters to a high school gym on very short notice.

I want more from my next representative and from the monopoly party that runs our city. We are slip-sliding rapidly into an era of big city machine politics. This is definitely not what democracy looks like.

Don Arnosti
Macalester-Groveland

Machine politics in action

Delegates to the District 64A DFL convention on June 3 effectively elected Kaohly Her to the Minnesota House. All that was required were the votes of 74 of the 122 delegates. One other candidate was eliminated on the first ballot when she drew only 11 votes, fewer than the 10 percent required to remain in the race. The second candidate, a woman who had conducted a quiet if-Erin-doesn't-run campaign since the precinct caucuses, withdrew after the second ballot when it became obvious Ms. Her had prevailed. Now there will be no DFL primary.

If you've never heard of Ms. Her, it's understandable. She announced her candidacy to succeed Erin Murphy only a few weeks before the convention. A delegate myself, I did not learn of her candidacy until I walked into Central High School on the morning of the convention.

Why did this happen? Because Representative Murphy, with the assistance of the DFL machine, kept one foot in the gubernatorial race and one foot in District 64A. The 64A convention was scheduled for the day after the DFL state convention in Rochester, presumably to allow her to pursue reelection to the House should she be denied the DFL endorsement for governor.

The DFL members in District 64A have been denied any meaningful opportunity to participate in the selection of a House candidate. The people of the district have been denied any meaningful opportunity to select who will represent them in the House in the next term. I and 13 others at the convention voted for no endorsement, in the belief that the people of the district should have the opportunity to learn who the candidates are and to participate in her selection.

I do not write to condemn Ms. Her. She may well be a qualified candidate and may well make an excellent representative. She played the cards dealt by Representative Murphy and the DFL leadership. It is they who should be held accountable.

James M. Hamilton
Macalester-Groveland

A duty, not harassment

Two recent letters to the editor refer to pro-life sidewalk counseling as harassment (*Villager* Inbox, June 6). I suppose that if one saw someone about to jump off a bridge and tried to intervene, that also might be termed harassment. When a human life is at stake—and make no mistake, in the matter of abortion, not just one but two lives are perilously involved—reaching out with an offer to help is a duty, regardless of the reaction it might provoke.

One letter writer offers the standard, "If you're opposed to abortion, don't have one." That's like saying, "If you're opposed to slavery, don't buy one." The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1857 that slavery was legal, but making something legal doesn't make it right.

Anne Collopy
St. Anthony

Dog owners unleashed

If you are a regular visitor to Coldwater Spring in Minneapolis, you have seen some recent parking changes. Where there were once about five free slots and four free handicapped slots, there are now no regular free slots. They have been permanently blocked off, leaving only the handicapped slots. What happened?

I ran into the head of this National Park Service area on a bird outing this spring. Apparently the National Park Service was fed up with users of the adjacent Minneapolis-owned dog park illegally using Coldwater Spring to park free. Not only were dog walkers parking there free, taking those spots away from people wishing to visit Coldwater Spring, many dog owners were letting their mutts illegally run free the moment they parked their cars there.

The National Park Service saw the harm in these free-running dogs defecating on the grounds where the owners were often leaving it. Their dogs were disturbing wildlife, and allowing the dogs to run free on this sacred bit of old Indian

grounds was viewed as disrespectful. So once again, the public is paying for the misbehavior of scofflaw dog walkers. Leash laws are in place for good reasons, and the owners are given ample dog parks all over the metro area, many of which are free. I only hope an enforcement officer can be sent there to hand out tickets to those dog owners who feel they are above the law.

Bob Brereton
Macalester-Groveland

Resurrect the health care of old

"A bill to reform health care" (*Villager* Inbox, June 6) raises some important concerns. The letter writer asks, "How is it fair that anybody in the U.S. in the 21st century cannot see a doctor when ill?"

This was not always the case. As recently as the 1970s, all communities offered care to everyone through local taxes. Ancker Hospital in St. Paul and Hennepin County Hospital in Minneapolis provided health care to indigent, elderly, improvident and independent citizens. These were Mayo-quality hospitals that made Medicare, Medicaid and programs like Obamacare unnecessary and trained general practice physicians who established offices in neighborhoods to provide quality, complete health care for everyone.

Unfortunately, U.S. Senator Hubert Humphrey was one of the primary movers to eliminate this system. Restoring this system would correct all of the concerns mentioned and would bring health care back to the states where it belongs. People would have private physicians again.

Dr. Thomas W. Votel
Snelling-Hamline

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St. Paul seeks to shape future through 2040 Comprehensive Plan

By JANE MCCLURE

The draft of the city of St. Paul's 2040 Comprehensive Plan lays out a framework for the city's growth and changes over the next two decades. It outlines opportunities for development, employment and amenities. It also describes the challenges the city faces, including its aging housing stock and infrastructure, constrained financial resources and changing demographics.

Mayor Melvin Carter is urging city residents and business owners to create a "big bold vision" for St. Paul, and to continue to have conversations about the plan and how the city can change and prosper.

"We have a lot of work to do to reimagine our city and cast a vision for the future," Carter said at a June 9 open house on the plan at the Rondo Library.

The draft of the plan builds on more than 2,300 comments that were gathered at public meetings, festivals and other events since the city launched the process in 2016 to update the plan. Interim city planning director Lucy

Thompson said the focus has been on going to the public to hear their comments, rather than expecting people to weigh in at City Hall.

Fifteen of the city's 17 district planning councils have reviewed the preliminary plan since it was released in March. All comments received will be considered for future revisions to the plan.

Thompson, who described the plan as a blueprint for the future, said it is important because it steers zoning and land-use decisions, shapes city spending and guides development. The plan also addresses regional goals of population, housing and jobs growth set by the Metropolitan Council.

The 210-page draft has seven chapters covering land uses, transportation, parks and other open spaces, housing, water resources, historic and cultural resources, and the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area. Each chapter ties in city priorities, such as economic development, resiliency and climate change, public health, aging in place, urban design and reducing racial disparities.

The draft plan will be released for addi-

tional public comments in mid-November. A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission in January. Because work on the critical area chapter started later, it will not be released for a public hearing until next spring. The entire plan should be completed and ready to go to the Metropolitan Council by mid-2019.

During the June 9 open house, Carter touched on key values that the plan reflects. One is on leveling the playing field for everyone. "We have some of the worst disparities in the nation," he said.

The draft of the plan has some major changes from past versions, reflecting changing attitudes and needs. One of those changes is in transportation, said city planner Bill Dermody. A priority has been placed on pedestrians, followed by bicyclists, mass transit and motor vehicles.

One unique focus of the plan is in housing, said city planner Jamie Radel. Past plans have focused on adding housing with an eye toward density and larger-scale projects. The last Comprehensive Plan was prepared in the

middle of a recession and foreclosure crisis. The current plan is taking shape at a time of a 1 percent housing vacancy rate.

The plan refers to the need for "middle-density" housing, such as eight- and 10-unit buildings in neighborhoods. But it also focuses on a wide range of housing choices.

Another priority is how to help elders age in place, either by staying in their homes or transitioning to smaller, more accessible housing units in their neighborhoods. One idea to help older people stay in their homes is to make it easier to rent out rooms by making changes to the city code.

A major focus in the parks chapter is providing equitable access to open space and recreational amenities. There are concerns that some people, especially youths, are left out of recreational programs when they cannot afford to participate.

"We know we have large disparities in access to programs based on ability to pay," said city Parks and Recreation director Mike Hahm.

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Draft plan lists dozens of neighborhood nodes, opportunity sites

By JANE MCCLURE

Fifty-six neighborhood nodes are included in the draft of St. Paul's 2040 Comprehensive Plan as places for encouraging higher-density, mixed-use redevelopment, including Highland Village, Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant, and places along West Seventh Street and University, Selby and Grand avenues.

Thirty "opportunity sites" that have more developable land than the nodes are also proposed, covering a total of 650 acres citywide. One opportunity site is the former Island Station property near Randolph Avenue and Shepard Road. The power plant there was demolished in 2014. Various plans for housing there have been proposed, but not one has come to fruition.

Identifying neighborhood nodes and opportunity sites does not ensure that the changes will occur, but the Comprehensive Plan does guide development in the city over the next two decades.

"When we identify these sites, it sends a signal that these are places where redevelopment is sought,"

said city planner Anton Jerve, who led the work on the plan's land-use chapter.

In the nodes, the plan calls for increasing density with an emphasis on pedestrian-friendly design and infrastructure, and clustering neighborhood amenities for people who live or work there. The intent is to add vibrancy, create new jobs and add or enhance open space.

All or part of some neighborhood nodes are also identified as opportunity sites, including the Ford site, the former Amtrak station and Weyerhaeuser lumberyard in the West Midway, the Goodwill/Easter Seals parking lot near Fairview and University avenues, Snelling and University avenues, the parking lots north of the Midway SuperTarget, the UniDale Mall, and the vacant Johnson Brothers property on Shepard Road and Davern Street.

In downtown, the four opportunity sites are the Seven Corners Gateway, Wabasha Court, land near the Green Line's Central Station, and the site of the former West Publishing complex and county jail.

Every Green Line station area is

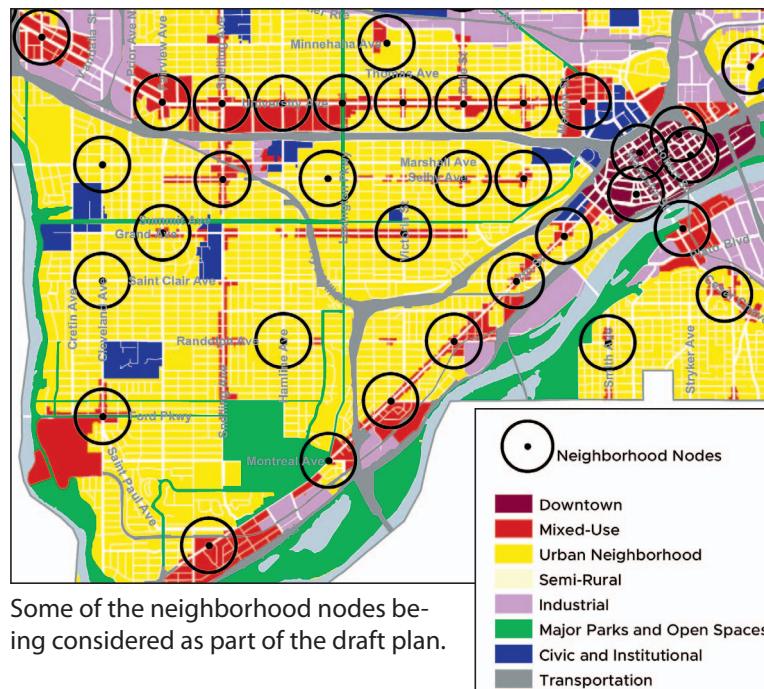
identified as a neighborhood node. So are long-term development sites, including the Fitzgerald Park area in downtown and Victoria Park in the West End.

Other local neighborhood nodes include Selby Avenue's intersections with Western Avenue, Dale Street, Milton Street and Snelling Avenue; Grand Avenue at Fairview Avenue, Victoria Street and West Seventh Street; the Seven Corners area and Sibley Manor Apartments off West Seventh; Cleveland Avenue at Marshall Avenue and St. Clair Avenue; St. Clair at West Seventh; and Randolph Avenue at Hamline Avenue and West Seventh.

The notion of neighborhood nodes responds to many of the public comments already heard about the city and its future.

"We heard loud and clear that people want to be able to walk to places in their neighborhoods," Jerve said.

One goal of the plan is for everyone in the city to live within a 20-minute walk of a node. That is based on the urban design concept of "20-minute cities," where many daily services and amenities are



Some of the neighborhood nodes being considered as part of the draft plan.

within an easy walk.

Places chosen as neighborhood nodes or opportunity sites are already targeted for change in various district plans, small area plans, larger-scale zoning studies and Green Line station area plans.

One node that has raised questions from the Summit Hill Associ-

ation is at Grand and Victoria. SHA Zoning and Land Use Committee chair Lori Brostrom said that site is not eyed for denser development in the current or recently updated draft of a new Summit Hill plan.

"We're going to ask how that got in there," she said.

Cretin stretch among 'urban districts' eyed for lower speeds

By JANE MCCLURE

The speed limit on Cretin Avenue between I-94 and Marshall Avenue would be lowered from 35 to 30 mph if the state of Minnesota grants a request from the city of St. Paul. The City Council voted on June 6 to request the lower limit for that stretch of Cretin. The request comes at a time when there is growing public pressure to do something about vehicle speeds on that street.

Sections of Wabasha, Mississippi, Fillmore and Cesar Chavez streets are also included in the city's request to lower speeds. The City Council is designating portions of those streets as "urban districts" under state law in order to seek the lower limits. One requirement of that designation is that structures be at intervals of 100 feet or less for at least two quarter-mile sections within a mile. The affected sections of all five streets meet that requirement.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) must approve the city's re-

quest for the lower speed limits. No timeline for action has been set for state action.

MnDOT works with municipalities to set speed limits on city streets, which is typically 30 mph unless a traffic study indicates that speeds should be adjusted. However, over the years neighborhood activists have learned that requesting such a study can result in higher, not lower, speeds. All five city streets in the June 6 council resolution had 35 mph speed limits set following MnDOT studies.

Ward 4 council member Samantha Henningson is seeking the lower speed on Cretin in the interest of safety. Other streets in the city have higher limits, but they are not adjacent to residential neighborhoods, she said.

In April, the Union Park District Council's Transportation Committee asked for the speed reduction on Cretin. The UPDC has organized a working group of nearby residents and business owners who want to address safety concerns for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists along Cretin, where some people say vehicles travel closer to 50 mph.

The full UPDC board also voted on June 6 to ask the city to study a reconfiguration of Cretin. One idea is to reduce the street from two lanes to one in each direction with center turn lanes between I-94 and Grand Avenue. The board also would like to see crosswalk improvements at intersections with bus stops.

Emily Metcalfe, who co-chairs the district council's Transportation Committee, said the study would determine if such changes are feasible. The UPDC is asking that the study be conducted after classes start in the fall at the University of St. Thomas.

The study needs to consider issues all along the street, district council members said. UPDC president Dan Taylor said that the eventual redevelopment of the Ford site in Highland Park is also likely to affect future traffic on Cretin.

The UPDC's request must also be reviewed by the Macalester-Groveland Community Council, since the portion of Cretin south of Summit Avenue is in that neighborhood. St. Thomas officials also would need to be in-

involved, since any changes would affect parking adjacent to the university on the east side of Cretin.

Henningson, who worked for former Ward 4 council member Russ Stark before taking over that seat when he stepped down, said speeds on Cretin have been a concern for many years. There have been 52 traffic accidents over the past 12 months on Cretin in the half-mile stretch between Marshall and I-94. That includes five accidents that resulted in injuries and five hit-and-runs.

She said the reduced speed limit on Cretin is only a short-term solution as opposed to a redesigned street. "Obviously we have work to do on all of our streets," she said.

Henningson cited studies that show a pedestrian has a 15 percent chance of serious injury or death when struck by a vehicle at 20 mph. That increases to 45 percent at 30 mph and 85 percent at 40 mph. She also said that the braking distance is more than 300 feet for motorists traveling 40 mph, compared to 200 feet at 30 mph.

Boomers & Beyond

Living on the upside of 50

Reluctant retiree

Sue McMahon says goodbye to Mac-Plymouth Preschool but magic of her classroom lingers for generations of kids

BY LESLIE WALTERS

Forty-four happy children ran down a colorfully decorated school corridor on June 1 high-fiving their proud parents as they showed off their newly minted diplomas from Macalester-Plymouth Preschool, 1658 Lincoln Ave. For their teacher, Sue McMahon, it was a day of sweet sorrow. After 30-plus years of bringing her magical approach to education to the hundreds of kids who passed through her classroom, Ms. Sue is retiring.

"I can't believe this is happening," McMahon said. "It's been so much a part of me. This last day of school has been the hardest thing I've ever done."

Sitting in her Room Zoo classroom adorned with colorful peace flags and Chinese lanterns, Beatles and Bob Marley posters, portraits of Queen Elizabeth II and Martin Luther King Jr. and a replica of Claude Monet's garden at Giverny, McMahon said she has always believed that young children learn best through play. "They're not ready for the rigidity of a traditional class-

room," she said. So instead of letters, numbers and worksheets, her lessons were shaped by music, art and storytelling.

"We'd spend three or four weeks looking at the people, language and food of Paris and London," she said. At other times, she said, the kids would exercise their young imaginations by visiting Kathmandu and climbing Mount Everest.

"Ms. Sue dove deep with 4-year-olds," said Gretchen Cudak, the mother of an adult alumnus, "teaching them about Impressionist art through Monet, environmental science by nurturing a love of Mother Earth, and adventure by dog-sledging the Iditarod."

McMahon's was "a curriculum full of magical things," said Jennifer Faring. Faring's three children learned about geography, nature and individualism from Ms. Sue through the exploration of Ireland's selkies, the rain forests of South America and the reggae music of Bob Marley, she said. "And Ms. Sue remembers the most detailed things about your child and your family," she said.

McMahon said she feels like a



Students Nicholas Davidson, William Menke, Eva Christensen-Cowan and Ava Denny join Sue McMahon in song on one of her last days in 30 years of teaching at Macalester-Plymouth Preschool.

5-year-old at heart. "I love to sing, dance and be silly," she said. "That's why I connect so well with kids. If kids go down a path, I'll follow them. That path can lead in many directions."

Ms. Sue made each student feel special, like he or she was her favorite or the only one in the classroom. "It just seemed like she'd been waiting up all night to see you again," said Betsy Davies, the mother of two Macalester-Plymouth grads.

"Childhood should be a time of love and magic," said Marianne McNamara, whose son Tom, 33, graduated from Macalester-Plymouth in 1987 and went on to become a specialist in rain forests at the Field

Museum of Natural History in Chicago. McNamara's granddaughters also benefited from the "great foundation and excitement about learning" that Ms. Sue imbued, she said.

"Because of her style and heart, our two kids figured out the kind of people they wanted to be," Davies said. "They love peace and embrace differences. They felt worthy of love and belonged, and they want that for others now, too."

Young children understand concepts like justice and civil rights, according to McMahon. "When we studied Martin Luther King, they wanted to know why African Americans were treated that way," she said. "One child may have a different skin color, another a different style of dress. I emphasized that people do things differently around the world. It's important that kids respect and be joyful about other cultures."

"Sue's devotion to the learn-through-play model was unmatched," said Vanessa Martin, a parent and Macalester-Plymouth board member. "She was a true professional and just as passionate about the kids' development and the programming as she was loving to the kids in the program."

"It's the perfect model," said Pelly Fink, McMahon's assistant who has been asked to take over Room Zoo this fall. "I'll have to steal Ms. Sue's ideas."

McMahon, 68, grew up in St. Paul's West End neighborhood with nine siblings, including eight sisters. After graduating from the former Monroe High School, she attended Hamline University where she became politically active. "I was on the front lines, marching down Summit Avenue, protesting the Vietnam

War," she said.

McMahon at one time had hoped to become a college professor, but her love of children drew her to the field of early childhood education. "College students and kids 4 to 6 years old are the same," she said. "They both want to learn, and they both have an affection for teachers, who are great shapers at that time in their lives."

McMahon said she would have liked to stay at Macalester-Plymouth forever. However, she said, she is also ready for a change and wanted to go out on top of her game.

"Now it's my turn," she said. "I want the flexibility to travel with my sisters, binge-watch 'The Crown,' 'Downton Abbey' and 'Call the Midwife.'"

An avid reader and writer, McMahon said she is also "bound and determined" to write a memoir about her time at Macalester-Plymouth. "I'm so lucky to have been able to teach the things that I love and to have worked with great staff," she said. "There hasn't been a day when I didn't want to be here."

"Once a Room Zoo kid, always a Room Zoo kid," McMahon added. "I want my students to remember preschool as a fun place, loving and nurturing. I want them to have the confidence to be who they are, to always be kind and empathetic. And if the music's good, always dance and sing."

Macalester-Plymouth will host a "magical sendoff" for Ms. Sue from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 23. The reception will include refreshments and a few surprises. All are welcome, but reservations are requested online at evite.me/fzJQ4sdVDT.



Students Luke Wirtz and Avery Jensen share a secret with Sue McMahon in class during her last week as a teacher at Macalester-Plymouth Preschool. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER



Juan Parker of Highland Park has devoted himself to art since a long bout with congestive heart failure convinced him to focus on what he loves the most. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

Highland man puts his whole new heart into his love for art

By Ava Diaz

Juan Parker, 59, huffed and puffed as he dragged an uncooperative metal dolly up two flights of stairs. The dolly supported a plastic bin full of art supplies, and with each stair the bin would slide off the dolly's base, almost defeating the purpose of the device.

Once he reached the second floor, Parker made his way to a conference room in the Early Learning Center at Nativity School, 1900 Wellesley Ave. There, every Thursday afternoon this spring, he taught cartoon drawing to kindergartners and first-graders through the Young Rembrandts program.

A professional artist, teacher and jazz singer from Highland Park, Parker is a man with a big heart, though not the one he was born with. He has been creating art in many media for as long as he can remember and professionally for the past 30 years.

Art has always meant happiness to Parker. Growing up, it was his way to break free from the pain in his life. "Art was my way to escape," he said. "I'd paint surrealistic things like magical lands, dragons, giant mushrooms and trees with faces on them."

In elementary and secondary school, Parker was told that his artwork was too fantastic, too removed from reality, and he felt the need to counter that. "Don't tell me I can't do something, because I will do it," he would tell himself.

At Minneapolis' North High School, he said, he often felt like an outcast. Then in his sophomore year, he put on his first art show in the school library, and people began to recognize his talent. Applying yourself to your interests is the only way to live, according to Parker: What works for you may not work for others, but at least you are doing what makes you happy.

Nineteen years ago, Parker was working a second job as a bus driver for Metro Transit when he was diagnosed with congestive heart failure, a chronic, progressive condition. He realized he only had so much time to live, and he wanted a new direction in his life.

In 2000, on a trip with his wife to Cancun, he met Eric Vance Walton, an award-winning poet, novelist and blogger from St. Paul. The two collaborated on a children's book, *If I Had Thumbs Like People Do*, about a cat that daydreams about having thumbs. The book launched them on a new path in their respective careers.

Parker has exhibited his art in coffee shops and at art festivals throughout the greater Twin Cities area. During the academic year, he teaches drawing to adults as well as children. Art enabled him to cope with the slow decline of his heart. After years of complica-



Juan Parker steadies his hand while rendering a work in progress. His medications can make his hand shake at times.

tions, a defibrillator was inserted to regulate his heartbeat, but that only worked for so long. Eventually, it became a struggle just to make it across a room without gasping for air.

Parker began to carry a purse. Though it did not quite fit his style, it carried the medicine and tubes that supported his slowly beating heart. It was during this period that his 15-year-old daughter would see him at his weakest—something he did not want to burden his child with. When his heart suddenly stopped one day, it was his daughter who called 911.

In December 2016 Parker received a heart transplant. "I'm thankful for a second chance," he said. "You don't get too many of those."

After the transplant, Parker felt even more obligated to devote his life to art. He displayed his pen and ink drawings and oil pastels and acrylic paintings in the Tilsner Building in Lowertown during last April's St. Paul Art Crawl. The works ranged from personal portraits to tropical landscapes to American Indian-inspired art. His varied styles illustrate his newfound willingness to try new approaches and to be patient with the process of learning.

Parker's second chance at life has made him more cognizant of the choices he makes, according to Walton. He pushes aside fear and follows what speaks to him, Walton said.

"Juan is becoming a much stronger creator in all senses," he said. "He has really blossomed, devoting his life to art in ways that he never thought he could."

Parker also has a greater appreciation for relationships. They are his support system and the motivation behind almost everything he does, he said. He tries to make the most of each moment with his young students.

Art keeps his heart beating, and the children make him feel more alive, Parker said. "They're funny, and their outlook on life is great," he added.

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Committee focuses on increase in requests to age in place

By JANE MCCLURE

Whether climbing steps, struggling with heavy doors or stepping into a bath tub, life at home gets harder with age. For those who do not want to leave their longtime abodes, the ability to renovate a dwelling for increased accessibility becomes increasingly important.

In recent years, there has been an uptick in people seeking variances from the St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) in order to make their homes more accessible for aging in place. However, it is not known how widespread that trend is in St. Paul. Many people who want to live on just one level of their homes can have renovations made without building additions or changing exteriors. Either way, it is a trend that is expected to grow as the city's population ages. It also is a trend that the St. Paul Mayor's Advisory Committee on Aging is interested in monitoring.

No two requests for making a home accessible for older adults are the same. Some people want breezeways to connect a house and garage and avoid falling on ice and snow.

Others want to add a first-floor bathroom, bedroom or master suite. Some want to create a small living space so other family members can move in to help care for their parents.

Expanding a home's footprint can require variances for setbacks from property lines or lot coverage. That is the situation members of a Merriam Park family faced this spring as they sought to make their Clifford Street home more accessible. With support from the Union Park District Council (UPDC) and approval for lot coverage and rear-yard setback variances from the BZA, Maureen Mahoney and Bradley Stenson can now add a bedroom, create an accessible bathroom and add an attached two-stall garage. They also plan to place solar panels on the roof of the garage.

UPDC Land Use Committee members praised the plan, saying it provided a good solution. Mahoney and Stenson see it as providing them with housing over the long term.

"We'd like to age in place and stay in our home and neighborhood," Mahoney told the committee. Through her work with older people, she sees almost daily the need for accessible housing. "It's the leading reason that

people don't stay in their homes," she said.

But finding accessible housing in older neighborhood settings is a struggle. Mahoney said that while one-story ramblers may be more plentiful in the suburbs, they too still need modifications to be accessible.

The Advisory Committee on Aging has focused on the need for St. Paul leaders to plan as more people wish to age in their neighborhoods. That can mean staying in one's own home with modifications and support services or seeking a smaller, more accessible home in or near their neighborhood.

The committee recently worked on two high-profile elder housing issues. One is ensuring that accommodations for aging are part of the city's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

The second is to support the city's Department of Planning and Economic Development as it advances a proposal to make it easier for homeowners to add accessory dwellings. The extra housing units could be in a backyard, within an existing home or in a new apartment above a garage. Accessory dwellings are seen as one way that families can care for older members while maintain-

ing some level of privacy for everyone.

Advisory committee members Edie Meissner of the West End and Kathy Kelso of Macalester-Groveland said that while they often hear about people renovating their homes to be more accessible, there are no numbers to tie to the trend.

However, Kelso said such renovations may be happening more frequently than people realize. "With the existing shortage of senior housing, people have to stay where they are longer," she said.

Meissner noted that for everyone with the financial means to make a change, there are just as many people who cannot afford to do so. "It's good that people can renovate a home, but not everyone can," she said.

She also is concerned that people who renovate their homes to stay in a neighborhood not become isolated as they grow older.

"As we talk about people being able to age in community, this is a trend we should seek more information about," Kelso said. Among the topics that should be explored, she said, are ways to make such home conversions easier and less costly.

Words to the Wiser

Jewish Family Service of St. Paul, 1633 W. Seventh St., has hired Hawa Samatar as a UCare coordinator to provide case management services for older and disabled adults. Samatar previously served as a mental health practitioner at St. Paul Youth Services, as a school-based therapist for Watercourse Counseling, and as a domestic violence advocate for Hennepin County. She grew up in Kenya and brings to her new position 20 years of experience working with immigrants and refugees.

The Thompson Park Activity Center, 1200 Stassen Lane in West St. Paul, is offering the following: a Discover Group discussion from 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 20 (\$1); a flea market, hotdog cookout and jam session from noon-3 p.m.

Wednesday, June 27 (\$4 for lunch); a British history program on the search for a lost Roman villa in Wiltshire, England, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 10 (\$8); and a retro board game night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 19 (\$5, snacks provided). Call 651-403-8300 to register.

Presbyterian Homes & Services, which is headquartered at 525 S. Fairview Ave. and operates Carondelet Village in Highland Park as a shared ministry with the Sisters of St. Joseph, has received a \$12 million gift to establish the Hugh K. and Margaret S. Schilling Leadership Institute. The institute's goal is to advance the development of leaders and a highly competent workforce to meet the needs of the area's aging popula-

tion. Hugh Schilling, chair of the board of Horton Holding, and his late wife Margaret have had a long association with Presbyterian Homes. Both of their mothers lived at Johanna Shores, the organization's first senior living facility. The Schillings themselves lived at Presbyterian's Waverly Gardens. After Margaret's death, Hugh moved to Johanna Shores.

"Food As Medicine: Your Food and Mood Connection" will be presented from 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, at Henry Sibley High School, 1897 Delaware Ave, Mendota Heights. Participants will learn about food that affects anxiety, depression, stress and inflammation, as well as the principles of healthier eating. The cost is \$25. To register, call 651-403-8300.

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Thursday/June 21

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A **JIGSAW PUZZLEPALOOZA** will be held from sunup to sundown in the atrium of Building 19 at the Minnesota Veterans Home, 5101 Minnehaha Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Local Alzheimer's Association volunteers and master puzzlers will share their passion for jigsaw puzzles. Drop by to observe or stick around and solve a puzzle. Admission is free. Complimentary cookies and water will be served.

"**HOW THE TIN CAN** Transformed St. Paul and America" will be discussed by local historian Brian McMahon in an illustrated lecture from 7-8:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Covenant Church, 3141 43rd Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Sponsored by the Twin Cities Bungalow Club, the program will cover the technological, economic, social and architectural impact of the tin can, many of which were made by the American Can Company in St. Paul's Midway area. Admission is \$5. Visit bungalowclub.org.

Saturday/June 23

ST. LUKE'S FARMERS' MARKET is open from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. today and every Saturday in the parking lot at 1807 Field Ave. Fresh produce and baked breads are available. In July the produce offerings will expand and beef and bakery items will be added. Cash and EBT, debit and credit cards are accepted.

Sunday/June 24

A **FARMERS' MARKET** is available from 9 a.m.-noon every Sunday in the parking lot



How can they keep from smiling? Neighbors Marilyn Heroff and Pam Nordmark smiled through the rain that fed their shared garden, one of 15 featured on the 11th annual West End Garden Tour on June 9. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, Portland Avenue and Kent Street. Hmong-American farmers from Holy Apostles Parish will be there selling fresh produce, herbs, and flowers. Donations at the market support the Fields to Families program, which buys fresh produce from the farmers and delivers it to local food shelves.

Monday/June 25

A **SUPPORT GROUP** for the family members and friends of people living with mental illness meets from 6:30-8 p.m. today and the fourth Monday of every month at the Wilder Foundation, 451 N. Lexington Pkwy. The program is sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Contact Jennifer 507-254-5524.

Tuesday/June 26

THE MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S Residence at 1006 Summit Ave. will be

open for free guided tours beginning every 10 minutes between 10:30 a.m. and noon today and July 10 and 24 and August 7 and 21 and between 5 and 7 p.m. on July 31. Reservations are encouraged for all group sizes. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available. Visitors are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for Second Harvest Heartland. For information or reservations, email residence.gov@state.mn.us.

EDGCUMBE PRESBYTERIAN Church, 2149 Edgumbe Road, invites its neighbors to stop by between 6:30 and 8 p.m. for a piece of pie, conversation and a walking tour of the woods around the church where the congregation is planning a meditative retreat to reconnect with nature and unplug from the work-a-day world. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact Julie GebbenGreen at pastorjulie@epchurch.org.

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will meet in the parking lot of the Charles M. Schulz

Arena, 800 Snelling Ave., for a three-mile hike in the Highland Park neighborhood beginning at 7:30 p.m. New members are welcome. Call Charlotte at 651-455-0052.

Thursday/June 28

WANT TO IMPROVE your speaking skills in a light-hearted and supportive atmosphere? Join Midway Toastmasters. The club meets from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday at Seventh Street Social, 2176 W. Seventh St. No reservations are necessary.

A **FREE SUPPORT GROUP** for persons with anxiety disorders meets from 6:30-8 p.m. today and the second and fourth Thursday of every month in Room 108 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. For more information, call the National Alliance on Mental Illness at 651-645-2948.

Wednesday/July 4

WISH THE UNITED STATES a happy 242nd birthday at Historic Fort Snelling. Independence Day will be celebrated there from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. as it was celebrated by Americans nearly two centuries ago. Witness cannon and musket salutes and military dress parades and thrill to the sounds of live fife and drum music. Visit interactive stations to learn about the struggles for freedom of various groups of Americans. Admission is \$12, \$10 for seniors and college students, \$6 for children ages 5-17. Call 612-726-1171.

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Crime Report

The following crime incidents were compiled from St. Paul and Mendota Heights police department reports and other sources.

Highland Park

Robbery—An armed robbery occurred at Capitol City Station, 1205 Homer St., at 8:40 a.m. Wednesday, May 30. The male suspect took cash and several packages of cigarettes before running west from the business.

—A female was robbed at gunpoint of her car keys, phone and vehicle at 10:28 p.m. Saturday, June 9, on the 700 block of South Snelling Avenue.

Burglary—Police stopped two bicyclists at 1:17 a.m. Saturday, June 2, on the 1700 block of Randolph Avenue. After an investigation, the 42-year-old man and 35-year-old woman were arrested for felony burglary.

Theft—Vehicles were stolen on West Seventh Street and Albion Avenue between May 29-June 5, and on the 2500 block of Stewart Avenue on May 30.

—A city truck was reported stolen at the Highland National Golf Course at 1:50 p.m. Saturday, June 2.

—A suspect was caught on video stealing a customer's bag containing an iPhone 8 at 1:04 p.m. Monday, June 11, at SuperAmerica, 1580 Ford Pkwy.

Assault—An employee suffered minor injuries after being assaulted at an adult foster care facility on the 1600 block of Ford Parkway at 4:24 p.m. Tuesday, May 29.

Lexington-Hamline

Robbery—A male was robbed of cash by two suspects in the parking lot of the Midway Target at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, June 3. The suspects said they had a gun, but none was seen.

Theft—Two women stole a man's vehicle at SuperAmerica, 399 N. Lexington Pkwy., at 2:45 a.m. Friday, June 1.

—A vehicle was stolen on the 1100 block of Central Avenue between 2:30-10:13 p.m. Tuesday, June 12.

Miscellaneous—A fight broke out at Central High School at 8:35 a.m. Monday, June 4. Four girls were suspended as a result.

Macalester-Groveland

Burglary—A home was burglarized on the 1200 block of Berkeley Avenue between 6:48-7:26 p.m. Wednesday, May 30.

—An occupied residence was burglarized on the 1800 block of Juliet Avenue between 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 30.

—Two victims woke up to find a male burglarizing their apartment on the 300 block of South Lexington Parkway at 3:56 a.m. Saturday, June 2. The suspect ran from the scene with several stolen items.

—Mac's Fish & Chips, 300 S. Snelling Ave., was broken into at 5:46 a.m. Sunday, June 3.

Theft—Vehicles were stolen vehicles on the 1700 block of Jefferson Avenue during the evening of June 2-3 and on the 1500 block of Berkeley Avenue on June 3.

Miscellaneous—A man and a woman in their late 50s were cited for trespassing in a residence that was supposed to be empty on the 1400 block of Stanford Avenue at 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 1.

Mendota Heights

Burglary—A home break-in was reported on the 600 block of Freeway Road at 8:57 a.m. Thursday, May 24.

—Several items were stolen from a vehicle inside a garage on the 1000 block of Ivy Hill Drive during the evening of June 6-7.

Theft—A vehicle's window was broken with a rock and several items were stolen on the 2000 block of Patricia Street during the evening of June 2-3.

—A wallet was reported stolen from a vehicle on the 1000 block of Somerset Court at 9:25 p.m. Tuesday, June 5.

Assault—A caller said he was assaulted and his home was broken into on the 1000 block of Highway 13 at 1:48 p.m. Monday, May 28.

Miscellaneous—Police received a call at 6:24 p.m. Sunday, May 27, that a dog had bitten a victim multiple times on the 1100 block of Highway 13.

—Police said someone may have drilled a hole in a vehicle's gas tank on the 700 block of South Plaza Drive at 1:08 p.m. Tuesday, May 29. The gas emptied into the parking lot.

—A vehicle was stopped on the 1000 block of Park Circle at 9:48 a.m. Wednesday, May 30, for having tabs that had expired in December 2016. The driver, who had a revoked license, was cited and the vehicle was impounded.

Lilydale

Sex crime—St. Paul police conducting a proactive visit saw two males having sex at 9:35 a.m. Saturday, June 2, on the 1700 block of Lilydale Road. The men, ages 64 and 66, were taken into custody, given citations for indecent conduct and released.

Merriam Park

Burglary—An apartment was broken into on the 400 block of Lynnhurst Avenue between 4:30-10 p.m. Monday, June 4.

Theft—Stolen vehicles were reported at the Days Inn, 1964 University Ave., during the evening of June 2-3, and on the 1700 block of Ashland Avenue on June 4.

—A catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle on the 400 block of Herschel Street between 12:01-6:45 a.m. Monday, June 11.

Assault—A felony assault was reported on the 1900 block of Feronia Avenue at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 30. An assault also was reported in the same area at 8:20 that evening.

Miscellaneous—A woman said someone entered her yard and stabbed her dog on the 1800 block of Roblyn Avenue between 5-5:30 a.m. Friday, June 1. The wound was not life-threatening, but required medical attention.

Snelling-Hamline

Theft—A 32-year-old man was arrested for

felony possession of theft tools at the Midway Walmart at 9:49 a.m. Thursday, May 31. A cellphone was stolen at the store at 9:17 p.m. Friday, June 1. Two females also were cited for trying to steal nearly \$500 in merchandise from the store at 5:50 p.m. Tuesday, June 5.

—A male suspect stole three cellphones from the Sprint Store, 1360 University Ave., at 5:44 p.m. Friday, June 8.

—A total of \$1,565 worth of music equipment was reported stolen at Bethel Christian Fellowship, 1456 Portland Ave., between 12:54-2:01 p.m. Monday, June 11.

Assault—A domestic assault was reported near University and Snelling avenues at 7:03 p.m. Friday, June 1. Another assault was reported in that same area at 6:36 p.m. Monday, June 4.

Miscellaneous—A 38-year-old man was cited for urinating in public near University and Snelling avenues at 7:55 p.m. Saturday, June 2.

Summit Hill

Burglary—Golf clubs were reported stolen from an apartment on the 600 block of Oakland Avenue at 4:06 p.m. Monday, June 11.

Theft—A catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle on Lincoln Avenue and Oxford Street between 9:30 a.m.-9:50 p.m. Thursday, May 31.

—A bag containing a laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle behind Milton Mall between 3:15-5 p.m. Friday, June 1. The bag was located in the men's bathroom at Victoria Crossing West, but without the laptop.

—Vehicles were stolen on the 400 block of Summit Avenue during the evening of June 6-7, on the 800 block of Goodrich Avenue on June 9 and on the 900 block of Grand Avenue on June 3-5.

Summit-University

Burglary—Fabulous Fern's, 400 Selby Ave., was burglarized during the evening of its last day in business on May 31-June 1.

—Tools were stolen from a garage on the 300 block of Fisk Street between June 1-5.

—An occupied apartment was broken into on the 700 block of Ashland Avenue between 2:12-3:13 a.m. Saturday, June 2.

Theft—Money, a gold diamond ring, gold chain and gold watch were reported stolen on the 1000 block of Carroll Avenue between 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday, May 28.

—A backpack was reported stolen from a vehicle on Mackubin Street and Selby Avenue at 8:58 p.m. Thursday, May 31.

—A garage door opener was stolen from an unlocked vehicle and used to steal several items from a garage on the 600 block of Portland Avenue during the evening of June 1-2.

—A vehicle was stolen on the 300 block of Laurel Avenue during the evening of June 8-9.

Assault—A nurse was assaulted by a former resident at the Bethel Care Center, 420 Marshall Ave., at 7 p.m. Monday, June 11. The 56-year-old male suspect head-butted and

poured hot coffee on the victim.

Weapons—Gunfire erupted on the 900 block of Carroll Avenue at 3:57 p.m. Sunday, June 3. Police received a report of a man carrying a gun on that same block at 8:41 that evening, but there were no signs that a crime had been committed.

—A witness reported that a suspect shot at a male on the 900 block of Carroll Avenue at 10:09 p.m. Thursday, June 7. It did not appear the victim was struck. Both parties drove off.

Miscellaneous—Police received a complaint of liquor being consumed outside of the Pioneer Lodge, 334 N. Milton St., at 8:28 p.m. Tuesday, June 5.

West End

Robbery—A robbery at gunpoint occurred on the 1500 block of Adrian Street at 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 28.

Burglary—Two bicycles were stolen from the Victoria Park 2 Apartments, 750 Otto Ave., between May 25-28. Another two bicycles were stolen there on June 11-12.

Theft—Cash, prescription sunglasses and knives were stolen from a vehicle at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 200 W. Seventh St., between May 30-31. A handgun also was stolen from a vehicle at the hotel between May 29-31.

—Vehicles were stolen on Kellogg Boulevard and Smith Avenue on May 30, from the Chateau Montreal Apartments at 1061 Montreal Ave. on June 3-4 and on the 600 block of South Victoria Street on June 7.

—A 46-year-old man was arrested for stealing copper from a locked construction site on the 700 block of South Victoria Street at 8:38 p.m. Thursday, May 31.

—A backpack was stolen from inside Tavern on the Avenue, 825 Jefferson Ave., during the evening of May 31-June 1.

—A wallet was stolen at Children's Hospital at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 9.

Weapons—Officers received a call about a dispute between neighbors and arrested a 21-year-old man who had stepped outside with a loaded shotgun and threatened to kill another man at 10:20 a.m. Saturday, June 9, on the 800 block of Palace Avenue.

Assault—A male suspect used a stick to assault a man and then ran off on the 400 block of Goodhue Street at 1:42 p.m. Wednesday, May 30.

—A man was the victim of a felony assault on the 200 block of West Seventh Street at 1:18 a.m. Sunday, June 3.

Fire Calls

The following local calls were gathered from recent reports by the St. Paul Fire Department and other sources.

West End—A pedestrian was injured by a hit-and-run driver at 10:07 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, on Juno Avenue and Milton Street. A possible burgundy minivan fled the scene.

BZA grants variances for Laurel-Dale apartment building

By JANE MCCLURE

After several tries, plans for a six-unit apartment building at the northeast corner of Laurel Avenue and Dale Street finally can move ahead after a 4-3 vote of approval on May 21 from the St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals. The BZA's decision is final. The property lies within the Historic Hill District and will also require the approval of the Heritage Preservation Commission.

The project by Hupp Holdings LLC needed four variances from the BZA. They included a 1,796-square-foot variance in order to build six units on the 7,204-square-foot lot; a vari-

ance from a city requirement that multifamily buildings of three or more units cannot be built on a lot less than 9,000 square feet; a 6-foot side-yard setback variance from the 9 feet required; and an 8-foot setback variance from the 9 feet required for the parking lot.

Some neighbors contend that the project is too large for the lot and will result in too much parking demand in an already congested area. Several of them asked that a two-story row-house proposed by Hupp and approved in 2017 by the BZA move ahead instead.

Eden Prairie-based developer Allan Hupp said he changed his plan to address the city's need for more housing. The previous plan was

for three, three-bedroom units. The current plan is for three one-bedroom and three two-bedroom units. The former would be priced as affordable housing and the latter would be rented at market rate.

The project has generated controversy in the Summit-University neighborhood. City staff and the Summit-University Planning Council recommended approval. More than a dozen neighbors sent letters of opposition or appeared at a public hearing to object. The Ramsey Hill Association (RHA) recommended denial, stating that the project does not meet the conditions required for the variances.

Hupp said the 2017 proposal was put on hold to evaluate the design in relation to city housing priorities and market conditions. "At the same time, we wanted to ensure we were achieving the highest and best use for this site," he said.

The 40-by-170-foot lot is zoned for multifamily housing. Back in the 1920s, it was part of a larger parcel that had three dwellings, a store in front of the corner house, a tin shop and a hardware store. The buildings were demolished in 1986 and much of the property has sat vacant since then. The lot has been split over the years, most recently in 2002 to build a single-family home.

On the Town

Auspicious debut

Highland Park novelist's first effort is recognized with MN Book Award

BY ANNE MURPHY

There are always opportunities to get a little writing in if you're looking for them and deliberately creating those little pockets of time," said Highland Park author Andrew DeYoung. His debut novel, *The Exo Project*, won the 2018 Minnesota Book Award for Young Adult Literature.

DeYoung often has only short stretches of time in which to write. As the managing editor at a publishing house and the father of one young child, he said, "it can be tough to find time. Most days I try to wake up around 5 a.m. That gives me a good hour or two to write before my daughter wakes up. Then, after she and my wife are awake, I dedicate most of my attention to them. We've got another baby on the way in August."

A graduate of the University of St. Thomas, DeYoung went on to earn a master's degree in literature at St. Thomas and then landed a job in publishing at Augsburg Fortress in 2008. "I've had a number of publishing jobs since then and now work for Beaming Books, the children's book imprint of 1517 Media," he said.

1517 Media is the publishing ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. DeYoung began editing children's books there in 2015, which was about the time he got his book deal for *The Exo Project*.

"I was interested in writing science fiction for teens that was set in space," he said. "The beginning of the story for me was the idea of two teens living on opposite sides of the galaxy, feeling sad and alone, but then making a miraculous connection across light years. From there, I devised a story about a future earth that was becoming unlivable because of global warming, an expedition across the galaxy to find a replacement planet, an alien female-led society on the

planet they find, and Kiva and Matthew, the two teens at the center of this collision of cultures."

According to DeYoung, "publishing a book is a scary thing, with lots of personal risk. What if the book doesn't do well? What if people hate it? To know that people not only liked the book but thought it was among the best books by Minnesota writers in its year is both reassuring and affirming. I'm grateful for the reminder that what I did in *The Exo Project* was valuable, good and worthwhile."

"What I love about Andrew's work is he isn't afraid to tell a great story while also taking care to write equally great sentences," said St. Paul author Bryan Bliss, whose most recent book is the young adult novel, *We'll Fly Away*.

"I admire Andrew's skill, his talent and his humility," said Twin Cities author Sara Biren, whose young adult novel, *The Last Thing You Said*, came out on the same day as *The Exo Project* in 2017 and was also nominated for a Minnesota Book Award.

"To be honest, the best praise I've gotten has come from teens," said DeYoung, "the boy who told me, 'Dude, your book was awesome,' and the readers at a high school who were practically begging me to write a sequel. That feedback means the most to me because teens are the intended audience for the book and their praise or criticism comes so unfiltered."

"I love how people in the local literary community here support each other and cheer each other on," DeYoung said. "We all know that we've got a great literary scene in the Twin Cities, so when one of us does well, it's good for all of us."

"I also find it exciting how many great independent bookstores there are here," he said. "In St. Paul alone we've got Addendum, Red Balloon, Common Good, Subtext and



Andrew DeYoung wrote much of his award-winning young adult novel, *The Exo Project*, in a booth at Quixotic Coffee in Highland Village.

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others. Having these stores helps support a vibrant scene for writers and readers.

"I read mostly novels, both for teens and grownups," he said. "With my 3-year-old daughter, I read a variety of picture books. A favorite lately has been Cori Doerrfeld's *The Rabbit Listened*. Our house is full of books."

DeYoung and his wife settled in Highland Park right after college. "We bounced around the city a bit in the next few years, but ultimately landed back in Highland because it was our first and favorite place to live," he said.

DeYoung writes at home and at Quixotic Coffee in Highland Village. "The atmosphere

(at Quixotic) is ideal for writing," he said. "I tend to go at least once a week to get a break from my home office. I'll usually go in the early morning when they're just opening, get a cup of coffee and a pastry and then focus on writing for a couple of hours. Or sometimes I go closer to closing time and tap away at my keyboard until they lock up."

Does DeYoung have a new book in the works? "Not a sequel yet," he said, referring to *The Exo Project*, "but a Midwest murder mystery with ghosts and time travel. I'm not sure yet when it'll be out, but I'm working on it."

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Music

The award-winning singers in the Jorgensen Tagg Duo will kick off the third annual Summer in Shepard Park music series from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, on the grounds of the Wellington, 2235 Rockwood Ave. Admission is free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. Chili dogs will be available along with wine and beer from Bad Weather Brewing. Call 651-955-1399.

Groovin' in the Garden, a series of free outdoor concerts by some of the best bands in the Twin Cities, will continue from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesdays outside of the Conservatory in Como Park. The schedule includes Crankshaft & the Gear Grinders on June 20 and the rock, country and pop of April Fools on June 27. Music lovers are invited to pack a picnic supper, dancing shoes and a blanket. And bring the children. A climbing wall, bouncy house and lawn games will be available along with hot dogs, ice cream, beer, wine and soda. In case of rain, the event will be moved inside the Conservatory.

Jazzed About Highland, a live performance by the McNasty Brass Band, will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21, in front of the Langford & Karls Chiropractic clinic at Cleveland Avenue and Highland Parkway. The free concert is sponsored by the Highland Business Association and Highland District Council. Bring a lawn chair. Refreshments will be available for purchase beginning at 6 p.m. Family activities and prizes will also be part of the fun.

Spring Cafe at Como Lakeside Pavilion, 1360 N. Lexington Pkwy., will play host to free concerts by the following performers, all at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated: Stone Arch Jazz Band at 3 p.m. June 24; St. Anthony Civic Orchestra, June 24; St. Louis Park Community Band, June 25; River City Orchestra, June 26; jazz guitarist Elija Johnson, June 27; world music by the New Primitives, 5 p.m. June 28; Erik Brandt and the Urban Hillbilly Quartet, June 29; Richfield Symphonic Band, 3 p.m. July 1; Roseville Big Band, July 3; Como Pops, 3 p.m. July 4; Americana music by Daddy Squeeze, 6 p.m. July 4; Beer Choir, July 5.

"Hotel California," the Eagles' 1970s LP, will be performed note for note in its entirety by Classic Albums Live at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June



Hot jazz in the twin towns. The 20th annual Twin Cities Jazz Festival will heat up the parks and pubs of downtown St. Paul on June 21-23 with scores of performances by the nationally renowned as well as the top artists in the Twin Cities region. Among the headliners are New Orleans singer and saxophonist Aurora Nealand (top), who will perform with pianist Tom McDermott at 9 p.m. Saturday on the TPT Stage; sax player Houston Person (left), joining the Emmet Cohen Trio in concert at 8:30 p.m. Friday on the main stage in Mears Park; and Grammy Award-winner Dee Dee Bridgewater (right), who will be singing with the Memphis Soulphony at 8:30 p.m. Saturday on the main stage in Mears Park. For the complete schedule, visit twincitiesjazzfestival.com.

22, in the Ordway Concert Hall. Tickets start at \$26. Visit ordway.org or call 651-224-4222.

The Louisiana Cajun band Blake Miller and the Old-Fashioned Aces will take the stage from 8-11 p.m. Friday, June 22, at the Eagles Club, 2507 E. 25th St. in Minneapolis. From old fiddle tunes to popular dance numbers to bilingual country classics, the Aces' repertoire is comfort food for the Cajun fan. Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is \$20.

Music in the Cafe, Landmark Center's free lunchtime concert series, returns at noon on

Wednesdays in the sky-lit Musser Cortile. Bring a bag lunch or purchase one from Anita's Cafe and enjoy the pop-rock of the Minneapolis band JulyDa on June 27.

Singer and guitarist Claudia Schmidt will join guitarist Dean Magraw in concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 29, at Ginkgo Coffeehouse, 721 N. Snelling Ave. Tickets are \$20. Call 651-645-2647.

"Music We Forgot About," a program of jazz, ragtime, keyboard classics, turn-of-the-20th-century tangos and piano duets, will

be performed by pianists Karl Jones and Liz Lupien at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 29, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1895 Laurel Ave. Jones has served as an accompanist for Twin Cities dances classes for years. Lupien offers private piano lessons through her Summit Hill business, Piano Garden. Admission is by donation, with \$15 suggested.

The bluesy duo of guitarist Dean Magraw and pianist Mark Perry will "return to Rasbo," kicking out the jams beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 1, at Studio Z, 275 E. Fourth St., Suite 200. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Call 651-755-1600.

Live from Stockholm, Trio Con Brio will play Scandinavian jazz and classical music for oboe, English horn, flute and piano at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 1, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. Admission is by donation. Call 651-699-1378.

The Legendary Percolators will kick off the Minnesota History Center's free outdoor concert series with a performance of 1960s rock music on July 3 on the lawn at 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The series Bands on the Boulevard will run from 6:30-9 p.m. every Tuesday in July. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Call 651-259-3000.

Books

SubText Books, 6 W. Fifth St., will play host to free readings and discussions with poets Donna Isaac and Janna Knittel and their books, *Footfalls* and *Fish & Wild Life*, respectively, at 7 p.m. June 20; author Ahmed Ismail Yusuf and his story collection, *The Lion's Binding Oath*, 7 p.m. June 21; author Christine Bauer and her memoir, *Those Three Words*, 6 p.m. June 26; and author David Housewright and his mystery novel, *Like to Die*, 7 p.m. June 28. Call 651-493-2791.

St. Paul Almanac will hold its first Alum Party Bash from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, at Summit Brewing, 910 Montreal Circle. Open to writers and artists who have been published in the *Almanac* as well as those who have never been published but submitted a piece or thought about submitting a piece, the bash is a celebration of the past and a look to the future of the

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Author Cara Black will read from her mystery novel, *Murder on the Left Bank*, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, at Common Good Books, 38 S. Snelling Ave. Admission is free.

Theater

The Minotaur, or *Amelia Earhart is Alive and Traveling Through the Underworld* will be performed on June 20-23 at In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre, 1500 E. Lake St. in Minneapolis. A production of Sheep Theater, the drama tells of the odyssey of Earhart and her copilot Snook after they crash their plane on a mysterious island and inadvertently unleash a beast that has been locked away for eons. The curtain will rise at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are priced from \$15-\$30 or whatever you can afford on June 20.

Shakespeare's classic comedy, *The Taming of the Shrew* is being performed free of charge in Twin Cities parks by the Cromulent Shakespeare Company. Pack a blanket or lawn chairs and a picnic supper and enjoy the bard's take on the folly of greed at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21, outside St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 2035 Charlton Road in Sunfish Lake; 7 p.m. Friday, June 22, in Indian Mounds Park, 10 Mounds Blvd.; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 24, in Lake Nokomis Park, 4955 E. Lake Nokomis Pkwy., Minneapolis; 7 p.m. Friday, June 29, in Newell Park, 900 N. Fairview Ave.; and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 30, in Powderhorn Park, 3400 15th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

The game's afoot in a hilarious thriller that's anything but elementary. Playwright Ken Ludwig's *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery* will open on June 22 on the proscenium stage at Park Square Theatre, 20 W. Seventh Place. Directed by Theo Langason, the comical mystery stars Eric Suman-gil, Sara Richardson, Marika Proctor, McKenna Kelly-Eiding and Ricardo Beaird. The curtain will rise at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays through August 5 and also at 2 p.m. Saturdays, June 23 and 30. For ticket information, call 651-291-7005 or visit parksquaretheatre.org. A free discussion with cast members will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, at the St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave.

Shakespeare & Company returns with three plays running in repertory on weekends from June 23 through July 29 at the outdoor theater on the west campus of Century College, 3300 Century Ave. in White Bear Lake. *The Comedy of Errors*, one of Shakespeare's earliest and funniest comedies, gets a circus-world twist with shows on June 23, 24 and 30. *Antony and Cleopatra*, Shakespeare's take on a power couple for the ages, takes the stage on June 29, July 1 and 7. *The Importance of Being Earnest*, Oscar Wilde's satirical lark through the parlors and gardens of Victorian England, will open on July 6 and 8. Show times are 7 p.m. on

Fridays and Saturdays and 6 p.m. Sundays. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating and a picnic supper if you like. Tickets, available at the gate, are \$20, \$15 for seniors and students, free for children under age 10. Call 651-779-5818.

Ideation, a comedy by Aaron Loeb that satirizes office politics and groupthink, will open on July 6 at Gremlin Theatre, 550 N. Vandalia St. Directed by Brian Balcom, the drama tells of a gathering of stressed-out corporate consultants who have 90 minutes to present their recommendations on a mysterious project. As they brainstorm, what they aren't being told by higher-ups looms ever larger. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays through July 29. Tickets are \$8-\$28. Visit gremlintheatre.org or call 1-888-718-4253.

Glensheen, Jeffrey Hatcher and Chan Poling's dark musical comedy about the 1977 murders of Duluth millionaire Elisabeth Congdon and her nurse Velma Pietila, returns from July 5-29 to the History Theatre, 30 E. 10th St. Jennifer Maren and Dane Stauffer star as the chief suspects, Marjorie Congdon and Roger Caldwell. Tickets are \$25-\$58. Call 651-292-4323.

Exhibits

"St. Paul ReViewed," a look at Minnesota's capital city through the eyes of its artists, is being displayed through the summer at Landmark Center. The show features three installations, including "Our St. Paul: Celebrating 125 Years of the St. Paul Camera Club" in the North Gallery; and "Explorations," photographs by Michelle and Brad Daniels, in the second floor galleria and third floor balcony. Several pieces from Landmark Center's permanent collection are being displayed, and a series of related arts workshops are being offered, including Introduction to Night Sky Photography with Terry Butler of the Camera Club from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, June 23, in Courtroom 326; and a St. Paul Photography Field Trip with Michelle and Brad Daniels from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, June 28. The exhibits and workshops are free, but reservations are required for some of the programs. Contact Judy Brooks at jbrooks@landmarkcenter.org or 651-292-1239.

Explore St. Paul's historic downtown or riverfront areas on free, guided walking tours beginning at 10 a.m. on the second, third and fourth Wednesdays of each month from now through September. The Great River Tour will follow the mighty Mississippi on June 27. For reservations, call 651-292-3063.

"Everything is Everything Else," an exhibit of paintings, collages and photographs by Kerry Pennings and



"The Wall That Heals."

A three-quarter-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be displayed from June 21-24 on the Minnesota State Capitol grounds. Free and open to the public 24 hours each day, the 375-foot-long memorial honors the 3 million-plus Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the 58,000-plus who died in the conflict. Related events include an opening ceremony at 9 a.m. Thursday, a ceremony and flyover of vintage Vietnam-era aircraft at 4 p.m. Saturday, and Minnesota stories and music at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Ordway (ticketed event). Also displayed will be a collection of items that have been left at the D.C. wall, a Huey helicopter, uniforms and other artifacts from the war. An area will be set aside for veterans to connect while learning about local resources for them and their families. Visit MNVietnam.org/wall.

Larry Nelson, is open for viewing from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Thursdays through July 7 at Vine Arts Center, 2637 27th Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Call 612-728-5745.

"Somalis in Minnesota," the story of the largest population of Somali immigrants in the United States, will be told in a new exhibit opening June 23 at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Pkwy. The 2,400-square-foot show includes a reconstructed nomadic hut, photos and artifacts augmented by commentary by Somali-American historians, and videos and interactive photo panels that introduce Somali Americans across the state. Admission to the History Center is \$12, \$10 for seniors, students and veterans, \$6 for children ages 5-17. Call 651-259-3000.

The Minnesota Museum of American Art's long and colorful history in St. Paul will be told aboard a vintage bus from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 23. The tour will begin and end at the MMAA's current home in the Pioneer Endicott Building, 141 E. Fourth St. In between, it will stop at its former homes, including the Griggs House on Summit Avenue, the old Arts & Science Center and the Jemne Building. Following the tour will be a reception on the roof of the Pioneer Endicott building with light appetizers, beverages and live music until 6 p.m. Tickets are \$65, which includes one drink ticket. Visit mmaa.org or call 651-797-2571.

"Courage and Compassion," a national traveling exhibit of the Japanese-American experience during World War II, will be displayed at the Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center from June 30 to September 3. Funded in part by a grant from the National Park Service, "Courage and Compassion" covers the war years, from Pearl Harbor to

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the incarceration of Japanese Americans in camps to the postwar fight for redress. Fort Snelling was also the site of the U.S. Military Intelligence Service Language School where 6,000-plus Japanese Americans trained as linguists prior to embarking for the Pacific or China-Burma-India theaters of the war. The hours of the exhibit are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Visit mnhs.org/fortsnelling.

Relive Minneapolis' railroad history during a 105-minute walking tour of the city's riverfront stepping out at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 1, from the Mill City Museum, 704 S. Second St. From the laying of Minnesota's first railroad in 1862 to the building of the Stone Arch Bridge and Milwaukee Road Depot, learn about the industries and people that filled the freight and passenger trains in Minneapolis. Along the way, discover clues to the vanishing of the trains and learn of the future of rail. The cost is \$14. For reservations, call 612-341-7582 or visit cart.mnhs.org.

A two-hour walking tour that delves into the almost 200-year history of St. Paul's Lowertown area, from its days as a sleazy river port and bustling rail hub to that of an industrial center, arts enclave and urban village, will step out at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 7, from the corner of Kellogg Boulevard and Robert Street. Explore the area's architectural gems and learn about the barons, thieves, capitalists and hipsters who made a living here. The tour costs \$14. For reservations, visit cart.mnhs.org.

every Friday; an indoor discussion and outdoor adventure for ages 7-11 inspired by Elizabeth Singer Hunt's book, *Secret Agent Jack Stalwart: The Puzzle of the Missing Panda*, from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 23; Brodini's Comedy Magic Show, 3-4 p.m. Saturday, June 30. Call 651-642-0385.

Dodge Nature Center, 1701 Charlton St. and 365 W. Marie Ave. in West St. Paul, will offer the following: Summer Solstice Campfire with a family hike through prairie and forest and around pond from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, June 25 (admission is \$7 per person, \$20 per family). To register, call 651-455-4531.

Zorongo Flamenco will present the puppet show *Toro* in a free program at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 30, in the Spring Cafe at Como Lakeside Pavilion, 1360 N. Lexington Pkwy.

Film

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the following films under the stars compliments of the St. Paul Department of Parks and Recreation: *Moana*, June 22, El Rio Vista Recreation Center, 179 E. Robie St.; *The Lion King*, June 27, Palace Community Center, 781 Palace Ave.; *Despicable Me 3*, June 28, Merriam Park Recreation Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave.; *Moana*, June 29, Hampden Park, 993 N. Hampden Ave. The screenings are free and begin around dusk.

Et cetera

Celebrate Minnesota's French-Canadian heritage on the Feast of St. Jean-Baptiste from 5-8 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at the Sibley House Historic Site, 1357 Sibley Memorial Hwy. in Mendota. St. Jean Baptiste is the patron saint of Quebec, Canada. Bring a picnic supper and something to sit on and enjoy the live music of Bundle & Go, open dancing, group singing, children's games and the company of historical interpreters in the guise of the French-Canadian voyageurs who populated Mendota in the fur-trading days of the early 19th century. Call 651-452-1596.

"Cheaper Than Therapy." What could be funnier than politics these days? Come find out when the Capitol Steps take the stage on Saturday, June 30. The Washington, D.C.-based troupe will present its latest musical satire, skewering the headlines from all sides of the political spectrum beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Ordway Concert Hall. Tickets start at \$37. Call 651-224-4222.

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The Wright Call

By Dave Wright

The old hometown looks different now

Most of us have one hometown—the place where we were raised. It's where you learned your priorities and where much of your political and social views were shaped. For readers of these pages, it's likely where you also decided which sports teams you liked. Those memories—good or bad—will always remain sharp in your mind.

I recently spent a couple of days in my hometown of Detroit. I hadn't visited there for more than a decade. The only family members there now rest in a local cemetery. Even though much of the city has changed—in some cases, not for the better—I was glad I went.

It had been nearly four decades since I lived at 16153 Patton St. on the city's northwest side. I remembered just how to get there and wanted to see what had become of the old neighborhood. I was struck by how narrow the street was. Did we really play whiffle ball and touch football on a street where two cars could barely pass each other? And why was our former home partially boarded up? At least Mrs. Dubois' house—where several tennis balls went to die after being hit over the fence—looked as solid and forbidding as ever.

Driving down Grand River Avenue, which is Detroit's version of University Avenue, there were ruts everywhere—exactly as I remembered it. But where did all the supermarkets go? It was roughly a 10-mile drive from my old house to our hotel downtown. There were just two grocery stores along the route. My memory was of one every six or so blocks.

Most of the old landmarks of my youth were long gone, including Olympia Stadium where I saw my first professional hockey game 53 years ago. It always stood out because it was a big red barn.

Driving down the Lodge Freeway, I could always see from a distance the lights of Tiger Stadium, where baseball was played until 1999. That, too, has been demolished. This year, however, a new ballpark complete with lights and the iconic flagpole from the old stadium opened on the site. It looks like a modern Dunning Field and is now used almost daily by youth baseball teams.

It was comforting to note that joy still reigns at the spot where nearly 7,000 major league games were played and was known to us locals simply as The Corner.

Whatever feeling of depression that came from seeing the old neighborhood in shambles was replaced by the sight awaiting us downtown. Detroit has discovered gambling, with two casinos that make Treasure Island seem like a pit stop in comparison. The city's pro baseball and football teams now play next door to each other. The hockey and basketball teams are housed in a sparkling new arena six blocks up the street. Chris Chelios, a former hockey star there, has opened a bistro nearby that does a crackerjack business on game days.

The northwest side of the city may not be a pleasant site to see, but thanks in part to the area's sports teams, downtown Detroit is buzzing these days.

Perhaps even more important, everybody I met—from the woman at the Dairy Queen near the old homestead to the valet who checked the car in at our casino/hotel—smiled and seemed happy. Some things in the old hometown haven't changed after all.

Detroit in 2018 is not the city it was when I grew up there in the 1960s. Warts and all, however, there's a little part of my heart that will always be there and I'll always root for it to succeed.

That doesn't diminish my affection for my current surroundings. I've been in St. Paul since I enrolled as a freshman at the University (then College) of St. Thomas in 1972 and I expect to be here until closing time.

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Goalie Lucia Warner fails to stop a first-half goal by Minnehaha Academy's Grace Heiting in the opening round of the state girls' lacrosse tournament. The Redhawks lost 12-11, but regrouped to take the consolation title. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Girls' lacrosse tourney

Minnehaha caps first state trip with consolation crown

BY BILL WAGNER

Minnehaha Academy didn't quite end up where it wanted to during its first foray into the state girls' lacrosse tournament. The Redhawks lost a 12-11 dogfight against Blake on June 12 in the opening round, but bounced back to defeat Maple Grove 15-10 and then showed they could win even under sloppy conditions by outlasting Blaine 17-13 to take the consolation crown.

Minnehaha coach Hannah Lundstrom seemed choked up after the Blaine victory. "I'm emotional," said Lundstrom, who has been with the Redhawks program for eight years as an assistant and head coach. "I'm just so very proud of what this team has accomplished this year. We have players who genuinely care about each other, and who play with class and poise."

"It's all very surreal. I'm in awe," she continued. "Every loss we had this year just fueled us to want to win it all that much more."

Lundstrom pointed to the first-round defeat against Blake, which had dominated the Redhawks twice during the regular season. The one-goal loss during the state opener could have devastated Minnehaha, but Lundstrom said her charges came right back and were ready for Maple Grove.

"Nobody was down after that loss," she said. "We kept it positive, we encouraged each other and it showed in the way we played. We didn't view that first round as a devastating defeat. We knew that we'd done some good things in that game."

Against Blaine for the consolation title, the Redhawks (14-3) showed that every time the Bengals looked like they would make a dangerous run, Minnehaha had a response. Senior midfielder

Chloe Heiting's late goal made it 17-13 and that is the way the game ended. It was her fourth goal of the game. Her twin sister Grace scored six goals to go with four assists, while eighth-grade midfielder Jaylen Rosga added three goals and an assist. Minnehaha enjoyed a 27-16 edge in shots on goal.

Lundstrom said that the weather, which featured periods of steady and heavy rain in the early morning on game day, was a factor, but only somewhat.

"It cleared up right at the start of the game," she said. "It was a little slippery, but it looked like both teams were able to deal with it. It was pretty even for the first 10-15 minutes. Then we started to play our game, and we took it from there. We're at our best when we take our time."

The 17-13 score in the consolation

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No three-peat for Redhawks in baseball

BY BILL WAGNER

Two-time defending champion Minnehaha Academy lost a 1-0 nail biter to Caledonia in the opening round of this year's Class AA state baseball tournament on June 14 in St. Cloud. However, the Redhawks rebounded nicely to defeat St. Cloud Cathedral 8-6 and then Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 7-3 to claim the consolation title.

"We just couldn't get that big hit when we needed it," lamented Minnehaha coach Scott Glenn about the first-round loss. "Other than that, we played a pretty good game."

The opener was a showpiece pitchers' duel between Minnehaha junior Brock Brumley and Caledonia junior Casey Storlie. Brumley allowed only three hits with nine strikeouts, while Storlie gave up only one hit and struck out seven. The sole Minnehaha hit was a single by sophomore Dylan Kiratli.

The only run came in the fourth inning on a Caledonia single. The Redhawks loaded the bases on walks in the sixth, but couldn't score. Minnehaha came close to tying the game when sophomore Michael DiNardo tagged up and tried to score on a foul popup, but he was gunned down in a close play at the plate.

Glenn said Brumley gave his team an excellent chance to win. "He was lights out," he said. "They didn't hit many balls hard at all against him."

"I don't think there was much that I or our team could've done differently," Brumley said. "Michael (DiNardo) is probably the fastest guy we have, so if anybody was going to be safe on that play, he was. And the way their pitcher was pitching, we needed to try to make something happen."

Glenn wanted his charges to check the disappointment at the dugout when they took the field against St. Cloud

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title game set a state high school tournament record for the most goals from two teams in one contest. The previous record of 29 goals was set in 2015 by Eden Prairie and Stillwater Area and was matched in 2016 by the same two teams.

Against Maple Grove, the Redhawks scored four of the last six goals of the game. Chloe Heiting had three of those goals, while her sister Grace had assists on two of them.

Overall, the Redhawks had seven goals from Chloe Heiting on 10 shots taken. Grace Heiting had two goals and added five assists, while Rosga had two goals and two assists and posted a 58 percent success rate on 19 faceoffs. The Redhawks enjoyed a 29-16 advantage in shots and junior goaltender Sidney Schoonover turned in several key saves.

In the opening game against third-seeded Blake, which was last year's state runner-up, Rosga scored a hat trick in the first half, which ended with Minnehaha trailing 8-5. The Redhawks mounted a comeback in the second half and pulled within a goal, but the Bears held on to win.

Rosga, who was named to the

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all-tournament team, finished with seven goals on seven shots against Blake. Grace Heiting had three goals and one assist.

Lundstrom liked the way her club showed such commitment and played with such fearless confidence. She also liked that her team, which is a cooperative effort with players from Minnehaha, DeLaSalle, Gentry Academy and Heritage Middle School, had come together so well.

"We've been able to figure out how each girl fits into the system," she said. "We've been able to make some good additions to the team."

The coach could not say enough about what her midfielders—Chloe and Grace Heiting and Rosga—did for her club.

"Those three work together," Lundstrom said. "They don't need



Minnehaha's Jaylen Rosga runs through the Blake defense on her way to another goal during the opening round of the state girls' lacrosse tournament. Rosga scored seven goals in the 12-11 loss. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

to communicate verbally. They know how the play is going to unfold—they can just see it."

Lundstrom made no effort to hide the fact that she coaches in a

way that demands discipline. But she also stressed that she is not just the captain of a tight ship—it is a cheerful one as well. She noted that she wanted her players to compete

with class and sportsmanship.

"If an opposing player falls to the turf, we want one of our players to be the first one there to help her up," she said.

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Cathedral the next day. "I was a little worried," he said. "We gave up a run in the first and then we had a little chat. We knew that we needed to step things up. Then we had some timely hits, the kind that we didn't get (against Caledonia)."

The Redhawks tallied runs in each of the first five innings of the game as they built a lead buoyed by four runs in the fourth. Senior Joseph Linton, who was named to the all-tournament team, carried a big stick for

Minnehaha, going two-for-three with an RBI. The winning pitcher was junior Bennett Theisen, who threw 5½ innings, allowed six hits and struck out seven. Kiratli closed out the game for Minnehaha with a strikeout and two hits allowed.

Each club made four errors. "We weren't at our best in that phase of the game," Glenn admitted, "but it was good that we hit some."

Later that afternoon, the Redhawks faced Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton for the consolation title. Minnehaha sophomore Will Wamre logged a four-hit, seven-strikeout complete

game. Theisen led the way on offense with two hits and three runs scored. Junior teammate Conor Johnson had three hits and two RBI, Linton added two hits and scored two runs, Kiratli also had two hits and two RBI, and MacDonald scored two runs.

Glenn said junior shortstop Noah Dehne was a good candidate for all-state honors. His shortstop hit over .400 for the season, with 10 stolen bases, 27 RBI, 10 doubles and two homers.

"He's instant offense for us. He's a complete player," said Glenn, whose team finished 18-6

on the season.

Glenn pointed to the excellent job turned in this spring by Brumley, who fashioned an 8-2 record, with 67 strikeouts and a 1.1 ERA on the year. He also gave a shout out to Theisen, who was 4-1, with 66 strikeouts and a 1.3 ERA.

The coach is already looking forward to next year. "We've got almost our whole team coming back," he said. "I think we'll be OK."

Brumley also was looking ahead to 2019. "I think that we'll win (state) next year," he predicted.

STA climbs to second, Vis takes fourth in state golf tournaments

BY BILL WAGNER

St. Thomas Academy was hoping to finally reach the top, but in the end Maple Grove just had too many weapons and won the Class AAA state boys' golf tournament at Bunker Hills on June 12-13.

The Crimson posted a 593 to take the crown, outpacing both the Cadets and Alexandria, which tied for second at 600. Elk River and Edina were both a stroke behind at 601.

STA coach Greg Vannelli was pleased with the efforts put forth by his players, who have jumped one level at state for the fifth straight year. They finished sixth, fifth, fourth, third and now second.

The Cadets were down by seven strokes heading into the second round of this year's tournament. They caught up to Alexandria,

but Vannelli said the Crimson's performance was a bit of a surprise.

"I still thought it was very doable when we were three shots off with nine holes to play," he said. "No one had talked much about Maple Grove going in. They quietly came in and played well."

The Cadets had plenty to be proud of this season. They won the conference championship and followed that up with an impressive showing during section play.

STA junior Brady Arnett, who recently made a verbal commitment to play for the University of Denver, finished in a three-way tie for seventh with a two-round total of 145. Classmate Muzzy Donohue, who will play at Boston College, shot a 149 to tie for 15th. Fellow junior Henry May tied for 20th with a 150.

Blazers take fourth

In the Class AA state girls' meet at Ridges at Sand Creek, Visitation took fourth with a 681. That was behind champion Detroit Lakes at 638, Marshall at 664 and Red Wing at 665. Leading the way for the Blazers was sophomore Jaycee Rhodes, who finished in a tie for 14th place with a 164. Sophomore teammate Anna Nickelson shot a 169 to tie for 25th.

Visitation coach Ann Feitl said her team did well in 2018, considering that graduation had taken its toll on last year's state tournament squad that took third place.

"We were quite happy with the way things turned out," Feitl said. "We had a great round yesterday (Wednesday)."

She also was pleased with the efforts of junior Chloe Dobbs, who shot an 81 on Wednesday, and junior Kira Johanson, who

had an 83 that same day. She also liked the way Rhodes rebounded during the second round.

"She had a rough front nine, but she battled back," Feitl said. "On a bad day she shoots 80."

Four of the top six spots were taken by either Detroit Lakes or Red Wing. Red Wing junior Sophia Yoemans (129) and Leah Herzog (137) claimed the top two spots, and Yoemans set a course and tournament record with a 9-under-par 63 in the first round.

Another local notable

Central junior Iyanna Hutchinson finished in 43rd place with a score of 172 in the Class AAA girls' competition. Hutchinson, who is the sole member of the girls' golf team for the Minutemen, was making her third straight trip to state.

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But that brief trip back home proved to be a reminder that, contrary to Thomas Wolfe, you can go home again.

Redhawks top locals at state track meet

Thanks to five stalwarts, Minnehaha Academy took 17th place overall with 20 points at the Class A state boys' track and field meet at Hamline University on June 8-9.

The quartet of seniors Emrik Mundschenk, Taron Busby and Brett Allen and junior Samuel Ojebode placed third in the 4x100 relay in 44.02 seconds, just 0.14 off the top time. They also came in fifth in the 4x200 in 1:31.82. Junior Max Gifford provided the other points for the Redhawks with a sixth-place showing in the 1,600 at 4:24.70 and seventh place in the 800 at 1:59.67.

Sophomore Tommy Allen earned St. Paul Academy its

eight points by running third in the 800 in 1:58.91. Senior Saje Scheeler did likewise for Christ's Household of Faith with a third-place finish in the high jump with a leap of 6-5.

Nova Classical Academy also scored eight points with a third-place finish in the second section of the 4x800 relay. A time of 8:07.07 was turned in by junior Shae Nelson, senior Ian Roberts, and sophomores Tavin Zeise and Dare Akinmusire.

On the boys' Class AA side, Myles Fleming provided Henry Sibley with three points with his 9:18.05 clocking in the 3,200 meters, good for seventh place.

Youth was served at the Class AA state girls' meet. Visitation freshman Margaret Dalseth was sixth in the 1,600 meters at 5:06.02 and ninth in the 3,200 at 11:08.88, totaling five points. Highland Park eighth-grader Molly Moening earned four points for a pair of eighth-place finishes in the 1,600 at 5:07.65 and 3,200 at 11:08.14.

The net results from state

At the Class A state boys' tennis tournament, St. Paul Academy shook off a 5-2 semifinal loss to eventual champ Rochester Lourdes to defeat Litchfield 6-1 for third place in the team competition. Sophomores Nathan Sobotka and Max Soll and eighth-grader Kai Sih each won singles matches in the tournament, as did the doubles tandems of Duke Nguyen/Brennan Keogh, Jeffrey Huang/Liam Lynch and Luka Shaker-Check/Bryan Orza.

The Spartans' team of Nguyen/Huang won its first two matches and finished fourth in state doubles competition.

In Class A singles, Minnehaha Academy junior Arjun Goswitz recovered from a first-round loss and strung together three victories to win the consolation championship. Redhawk senior Nathan Radtke went 1-1.

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District Council News

Highland Park

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Barricades for rent—The season for block parties is here and the Highland District Council is renting street barricades for \$10 each with a \$20 deposit. Call the office or email info@highlanddistrictcouncil.org to reserve them.

Stop for Me Events—The Stop for Me campaign conducted local pedestrian safety events on June 7-11 at Fairview and Bohland avenues, West Seventh and Rankin streets, and Lexington Parkway and Vista Avenue. Participants included neighbors and members of the St. Paul Police Department and Highland District Council. For information about the campaign, see an update on the HDC website.

Highland Fest volunteers—Highland Fest will celebrate its 35th year from Friday through Sunday, July 20-22. For information or to sign up to volunteer at one or more of the activities, visit highlandfest.com.

Jazzed about Highland—The HDC and Highland Business Association will present their fourth annual summer jazz concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21, in the parking lot of Langford & Karls Chiropractic on Cleveland Avenue and Highland Parkway. The McNasty Brass Band will perform. Food and beverages will be sold beginning at 6 p.m. There will also be prizes and family activities sponsored by local businesses.

Upcoming meeting—Community Engagement Committee, 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. For other meetings, see the calendar on the website.

Macalester-Groveland

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Alley gardens—Nominations are not being accepted this year for the Macalester-Groveland Community Council's annual Alley Garden Awards, since all gardens will be viewed during the June 21-28 judging period. Residents are being encouraged to prepare the gardens alongside their alleys in time for the judging. Visit macgrove.org/what-we-do/aga.

Native gardens—Unlike alley gardens, the community council's Native Garden Awards rely exclusively on nomina-

tions. The nomination deadline is July 13, and the winners will be determined by the end of August. For information on the requirements and to download a nomination form, visit macgrove.org/what-we-do/nga.

Macgrove Moves—MacGrove Moves is taking place through June 30. To participate, people are being asked to leave their cars at home and walk, jog, bike or take public transit to their destinations at least 15 times. They may turn in up to three log sheets by the end of June to be entered in a drawing to win prizes. Download log sheets at macgrove.org/mgm.

Mac-Grove Fest—Exhibitors are now being accepted for Mac-Grove Fest, which will be held from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, September 8, at the Groveland Recreation Center fields on St. Clair and Prior avenues. The day will feature exhibits, music, food and children's activities. The registration deadline is July 13. Visit macgrove.org/what-we-do/macgrovefest.

Ward 4 candidates forum—A forum for the three candidates seeking the Ward 4 seat on the St. Paul City Council will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, in McNeely Hall at the southwest corner of Summit and Cleveland avenues on the University of St. Thomas campus. Shirley Erstad, Mitra Jalali Nelson and David Martinez are running in the special election, which will take place during the primary election on Tuesday, August 14.

Battling the borer—Those who are curious about the city's plans for the removal of trees and the prevention of the emerald ash borer infestation are invited to join the community council's Environment Committee for a discussion at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 24, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. City staff will be present to answer questions, which can be submitted in advance by emailing mgcc@macgrove.org

Blend Awards—Now in St. Paul, the Blend Awards recognize new remodels, newly constructed homes and a multitude of other projects that fit into the fabric of a neighborhood. The awards were created in 2007 in Minneapolis to encourage sensitive redevelopment. The deadline for submissions is July 31. Learn more or submit a project at blendaward.org.

Upcoming meetings—Environment Committee, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21; Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 25; Housing and Land Use Committee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, Groveland Recreation Center;

Community Building Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 9. The meetings will be held at the Edgumbe Recreation Center unless otherwise noted.

Summit Hill

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Accessory dwelling units—The Summit Hill Association Zoning and Land Use Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 19, at the Linwood Recreation Center, 860 St. Clair Ave. Senior city planner Jamie Radel will present a recommendation that was approved on June 7 by the St. Paul Planning Commission for citywide expansion of accessory dwellings. Comments can be shared by attending the meeting, calling the SHA office or emailing info@summithillassociation.org. Information also is available on the SHA website.

Hyacinth liquor license—The Zoning and Land Use Committee will also hold a public meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, at Linwood to discuss the liquor license application for Hyacinth Restaurant, which is looking to open in the former Golden Fig location at 790 Grand Ave. The restaurant plans to serve food inspired by Southern Italy with a focus on local, seasonal ingredients.

Union Park

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Lex-Ham bike rodeo—The Lexington-Hamline Community Council is hosting a bike rodeo from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at the Dunning Recreation Center, 1221 Marshall Ave. All bike-riding children ages 5 and older, accompanied by a parent or an older sibling, are invited. They can learn and practice bike safety skills with the St. Paul police bicycle unit, get fitted for their bike, receive safety checks from trained bike mechanics, and take home a free helmet and water bottle.

Upcoming meetings—Environment and Parks Committee, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, Merriam Park Recreation Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave.; board of directors, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, Otto Hall at Episcopal Homes, 1860 University Ave.; Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 9, 1821 University Ave., Suite 330.

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Sun filled home on premiere Highland Park street. Only three owners. Grand piano sized living room with fireplace - large formal dining room. First floor family room opens to kitchen.

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Totally updated, absolutely gorgeous stucco tudor in heart of Highland Park. Featuring 3 finished levels, 3 new creamie baths, upper deck, patio, fenced yard. Stunning natural wood-work throughout.

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919 Rae Ct: Impeccable 3 bedroom with an updated family sized kitchen, 2 delightful decks and fabulous yard with kidney shaped pool, king sized master bedroom and bath, and large lower level amusement room.

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295 Salem Church Rd: Spectacular Sunfish Lake home offering 12,447 sq. ft. to be used for your largest entertainment need but designed for comfortable everyday living as well. 5 fireplaces, 9 BA's, and an 8 car heated garage.

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2028 WELLESLEY AVE.
Classic 3 bedroom 4-square in prime Mac-Groveland neighborhood. Updated kitchen and bathrooms, beautiful natural woodwork, finished lower level. 2 car garage.

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1771 HIGHLAND PARKWAY
As a result of a creative and comprehensive marketing plan, the seller of this home obtained an outstanding offer within a very short time period. If you are thinking of selling in the future, please contact me to discuss your options.

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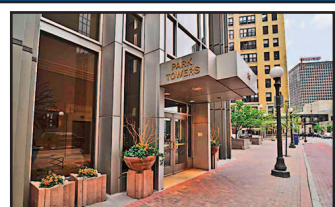
THE BEST OF URBAN LIVING
Rare opportunity to own one of 3 private walkout firehouse units with separate street entrance and gated patio. Across from Mears Park in River Parklofts. 16 foot ceilings. Enjoy a St. Paul Historic landmark! 406 Wacouta Street, Unit 119.

LOLLY MCNEELY SALMEN
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Wonderful, turn-of-the-century home situated on large corner lot in Mendota Heights. Enjoy the charm this home offers with updated amenities such as maintenance free siding, new windows & central air. Entertain family and friends on the patio this summer!

MORAGHAN DeROSIA
952-486-3697 • \$299,900



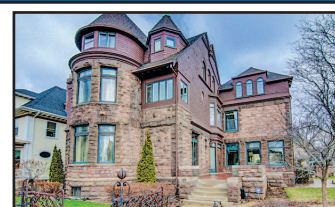
PARK TOWERS!
This luxurious 23rd floor condo features 2/BR, 3/BA, bright sunny open spaces with deluxe accoutrements, panoramic views and heated parking. Located in the historic Rice Park neighborhood with a short walk to the Ordway and Xcel. 59 4th Street #23E.

SARAH KINNEY
651-282-9621 • \$680,000



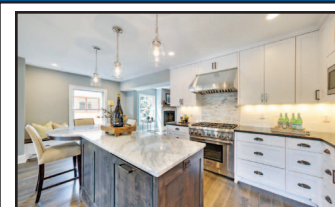
CLASSIC PRAIRIE SCHOOL DESIGN!
Sophisticated and elegant, this architect designed home features bright, open spaces with 5BR/5BA, master BR suite with fireplace, exquisite interiors and quality craftsmanship throughout. An artful blend of maintenance free living and classic design. 777 Linwood Ave.

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651-282-9621 • \$1,150,000



HOME OF FRANK B. KELLOGG!
This stately Crocus Hill home features 9,000 sq ft, breathtaking interiors, inlaid and pegged floors, a 1/2 acre lot with reflecting pool and a carriage house. This was an ASID showcase home in 2004 and is a designated National Historic Landmark. 633 Fairmount Ave.

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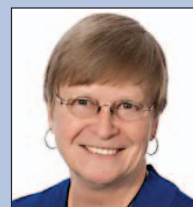
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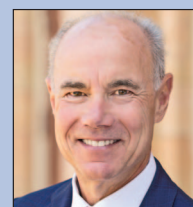
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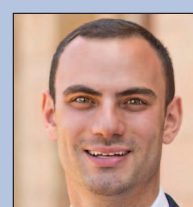
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